

Amendment No. 310

Assembly Amendment to Assembly Bill No. 81 (BDR 24-406)

Proposed by: Assembly Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections

Amends: Summary: No Title: Yes Preamble: No Joint Sponsorship: No Digest: Yes

Adoption of this amendment will REMOVE the 2/3s majority vote requirement from A.B. 81.

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EXPLANATION: Matter in (1) *blue bold italics* is new language in the original bill; (2) *green bold italic underlining* is new language proposed in this amendment; (3) ~~red strikethrough~~ is deleted language in the original bill; (4) ~~purple double strikethrough~~ is language proposed to be deleted in this amendment; (5) orange double underlining is deleted language in the original bill that is proposed to be retained in this amendment; and (6) *green bold underlining* is newly added transitory language.

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Date: 4/26/2011

A.B. No. 81—Revises various provisions relating to elections. (BDR 24-406)



ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 81—COMMITTEE ON
LEGISLATIVE OPERATIONS AND ELECTIONS

(ON BEHALF OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE)

PREFILED DECEMBER 15, 2010

Referred to Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections

SUMMARY—Revises various provisions relating to elections. (BDR 24-406)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: Increases or Newly Provides for
Term of Imprisonment in County or City Jail or Detention
Facility.

Effect on the State: Yes.

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EXPLANATION – Matter in *bolded italics* is new; matter between brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to elections; ~~revising provisions relating to declarations of candidacy or acceptance of candidacy;~~ clarifying ~~[when]~~ **how** a minor political party may be ~~[recognized;]~~ **organized;** revising certain requirements for petitions of referendum; ~~[increasing fees for filing for candidacy; revising provisions concerning ballots;]~~ revising provisions relating to counting ballots, posting voting results and recounts; ~~[requiring employers to allow employees to be absent to participate in the nomination process for President of the United States;]~~ providing that the residency of spouses of certain military personnel is not changed whether absent or present in this State; making various changes concerning campaign contributions and expenditures; making various other changes to provisions governing elections; providing a penalty; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

~~[Existing law requires a person to file a declaration of candidacy or acceptance of candidacy in order to have the person's name appear on a ballot. (NRS 293.177, 293C.185) Sections 4 and 21 of this bill prohibit a person from filing a declaration or acceptance of candidacy if the person has an outstanding civil penalty or fine related to a violation of a provision of election law.]~~

In order to qualify to place the names of candidates on the ballot, under existing law, a minor political party must have filed with the Secretary of State a certificate of existence and a list of candidates. Also, the minor political party must have: (1) at the last preceding general election, polled for any of its candidates for partisan office a number of votes equal to or more than 1 percent of the total number of votes cast for the offices of Representative in Congress; (2) been designated as the political party on the applications to register to vote of at least 1 percent of the total number of registered voters in this State; or (3) filed a petition with the Secretary of State which is signed by a number of registered voters equal to at least 1 percent of the total number of votes cast at the last preceding election for the offices of Representative

of Congress. Alternatively, the minor political party may place the name of a candidate on the ballot if the minor political party has filed with the Secretary of State a certificate of existence and a petition on behalf of the candidate that it wants to place on the ballot containing a certain number of signatures. (NRS 293.1715) **Sections 16, 16.2 and 16.4 of this bill remove the option of a minor political party to place a candidate on the ballot by filing a petition on behalf of the candidate. Sections 6 and 15-18** of this bill clarify that an organization is ~~recognized~~ **organized** as a minor political party when it files a certificate of existence. A minor political party must still meet the other requirements in order to qualify to place candidates on the ballot.

Sections 7-12 and 64 of this bill provide that the signature and verification requirements for initiative petitions also apply to petitions for referendum.

Existing law provides the requirements for nominating candidates for office and placing candidates on the ballot for the general election. (NRS 293.165, 293.166, 293.368) **Sections 13, 14 and 25** of this bill move the date after which no change may be made on the ballot for the general election from the first Tuesday after the primary election to the fourth Friday in June of the year in which the general election is held.

Existing law provides that if a person willfully files a declaration or acceptance of candidacy that contains a false statement, the name of the person must not appear on the ballot for the election for which the person filed the declaration or acceptance of candidacy. (NRS 293.184, 293C.1865) **Sections 19 and 32** of this bill further require that if the name of such a person appears on the ballot because the deadline for making changes to the ballot has passed, the Secretary of State, county clerk or city clerk must inform voters by posting signs at polling places that the person is disqualified from entering upon the duties of office.

~~[Section 20 of this bill increases the fees for filing for candidacy for federal, state, county, city and township office. Section 20 exempts a person who does not have the ability to pay the fees in certain circumstances.]~~

Section 21 of this bill allows a person to cast a primary ballot for a major political party only if the person is a member of that major political party.

~~[Section 22 of this bill revises the order in which candidates for justice of the Supreme Court will appear on a ballot so that they appear with other constitutional officers.]~~

Existing law sets forth procedures for depositing absent ballots in the ballot box, including verifying the absent voter's signature that appears on the back of the return envelope or facsimile. (NRS 293.333, 293C.332) Because certain military personnel and overseas citizens may return special absent ballots via approved electronic transmission other than facsimile, **sections 23 and 33** of this bill authorize the verification of the signature of these voters by comparing the signature from the special absent ballot or the oath of the voter that must be included in the special absent ballot with that on the original application to register to vote.

Existing law sets forth the period for early voting by personal appearance at a primary or general election, which excludes Sundays and state and federal holidays. (NRS 293.3568, 293C.3568) **Sections 24 and 34** of this bill provide that state holidays are not excluded from that period.

Section 26 of this bill prohibits a county clerk from posting voting results for a statewide or multicounty race or ballot question until the Secretary of State notifies the county clerk that all polling places are closed and all votes have been cast.

Section 27 of this bill ~~[authorizes a person who]~~ **revises the procedure for demands for** an election recount in a county or city using a mechanical voting system ~~[to demand the recount of only absent ballots cast by mail]~~

~~[Existing law requires an employer to allow an employee to be absent from his or her place of employment for the purpose of voting in an election. (NRS 293.462) Section 28 of this bill requires employers to also allow employees to be absent from their places of employment to participate in the nomination process for candidates for President of the United States at a caucus of a political party.] and for recounts affecting more than one county.~~

Existing law provides that a person does not gain or lose residence in the State by reason of his or her presence or absence while being employed in the military, naval or civil service of the United States or the State of Nevada or while engaged in the navigation of the waters of the United States or of the high seas. (NRS 293.487) **Section 30** of this bill provides that the spouse of such a person also does not gain or lose residence in the State.

Sections 36.5 and 39.5 of this bill differentiate between “campaign expenses” and “expenditures” for purposes of campaign reporting requirements.

Section 37 of this bill requires certain persons, committees for political action, political parties and committees of political parties that ~~(make an expenditure of)~~ expend more than \$100 for the purpose of financing certain public communications to disclose on the communication the name of the person, committee or political party that paid for the communication.

~~[Section 38 of this bill requires that certain independent expenditures on behalf of a candidate or group of candidates of more than \$5,000 be reported to the Secretary of State.~~

~~Existing law limits the amount that may be contributed to a candidate for office to \$5,000 for the primary election and \$5,000 for the general election. (NRS 294A.100) Section 41 of this bill limits the amount that may be contributed to a committee for political action that is organized solely for the support or opposition of a single candidate to \$5,000 for the primary election and \$5,000 for the general election.~~

~~Sections 42, 44 48 and 57 of this bill amend the dates for filing reports relating to campaign contribution and expenditures and add an additional report that must be filed by candidates, groups and various parties and committees.]~~

Section 49 of this bill provides that if a committee for political action fails to register with the Secretary of State before engaging in any activity within the State, the Secretary of State may impose on the committee a civil penalty for each time the committee engages in activity without being registered.

Sections 40, 44, 45, 47, 48, 50-53, 55, 59-62 and 69 of this bill repeal the term “business entity” and remove the term from provisions governing registration and campaign contribution and expenditure reporting. These entities, however, are not exempt from the provisions because they are business organizations included within the term “person” as defined in existing law. (NRS 294A.009)

Section 54 of this bill : (1) prohibits a candidate or public officer from using campaign contributions to pay civil or criminal penalties; and (2) authorizes a candidate or public officer to use campaign contributions to pay for legal expenses that the candidate or public officer incurred in relation to a campaign or while serving in public office. Any such candidate or public officer is not required to establish a legal defense fund in order to use campaign contributions to pay for legal expenses, but sections 29, 54, 56, 58, 59, 61 and 62 of this bill require the candidate or public officer to report the expenditure of such money on his or her campaign expenditure reports.

Section 58 of this bill adds contributions made to another candidate, a nonprofit corporation, a committee for political action or a committee for the recall of a public officer to the categories of expenditures that must be reported on campaign expenditure reports.

Section 65 of this bill requires the affidavit executed by a circulator of a petition for initiative or referendum to include the contact information of the circulator and a statement that the circulator is at least 18 years of age.

~~[Section]~~ Sections 65.5 and 66 of this bill : (1) clarify that a candidate for or person appointed to the office of Legislator is required to file a statement of financial disclosure with the Secretary of State; and (2) requires a [Legislator] public officer who leaves office to file a statement of financial disclosure on January 15th of the year immediately following the year in which the [Legislator’s term expires.] public officer leaves office unless the public officer leaves office before January 15 in the prior year.

Sections 67 and 68 of this bill require that candidates for city office in the cities of Carlin and Wells file declarations of candidacy at the same time as candidates for statewide office.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN
SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1 **Section 1.** Chapter 293 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto the
2 provisions set forth as sections 2, 3 and 4 of this act.

3 **Sec. 2.** *“Central counting place” means the location designated by the*
4 *county or city clerk for the compilation of election returns.*

5 **Sec. 3.** *“Undervote” means a ballot that has been cast by a voter but shows*
6 *no legally valid selection for any candidate for a particular office or for a ballot*
7 *question.*

8 **Sec. 4.** ~~*[1. Except as otherwise provided in this section, a person may not*~~
9 ~~*submit and the county clerk shall not accept a declaration of candidacy or*~~
10 ~~*acceptance of candidacy if a civil penalty has been issued or a fine imposed*~~
11 ~~*against the person for a violation of any provision of this title and the civil*~~
12 ~~*penalty or fine remains unpaid.*~~

13 ~~*[2. Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection 1, a person described in*~~
14 ~~*subsection 1 may submit and the county clerk shall accept the declaration of*~~
15 ~~*candidacy or acceptance of candidacy if the unpaid civil penalty or fine is under*~~
16 ~~*appeal and the person posts a bond with the Secretary of State for the same*~~
17 ~~*amount as the unpaid civil penalty or fine.*~~

18 ~~*[3. Not later than 15 days before the first day for filing a declaration of*~~
19 ~~*candidacy or acceptance of candidacy set forth in NRS 293.177, the Secretary of*~~
20 ~~*State shall notify each county clerk of, and post on the Secretary of State's*~~
21 ~~*Internet website, the name of any person who is prohibited from filing a*~~
22 ~~*declaration of candidacy or acceptance of candidacy pursuant to this section.]*~~
23 **(Deleted by amendment.)**

24 **Sec. 5.** NRS 293.010 is hereby amended to read as follows:

25 293.010 As used in this title, unless the context otherwise requires, the words
26 and terms defined in NRS 293.013 to 293.121, inclusive, *and sections 2 and 3 of*
27 *this act* have the meanings ascribed to them in those sections.

28 **Sec. 6.** NRS 293.066 is hereby amended to read as follows:

29 293.066 “Minor political party” means any organization which ~~[qualifies]~~ *is*
30 ~~[recognized]~~ *organized* as such pursuant to NRS 293.171.

31 **Sec. 7.** NRS 293.127561 is hereby amended to read as follows:

32 293.127561 1. The Legislature shall establish petition districts from which
33 signatures for a petition for initiative *or referendum* that proposes a ~~[statute, an~~
34 ~~amendment to a statute or an amendment to the Constitution of this State]~~
35 *constitutional amendment or statewide measure* must be gathered. The petition
36 districts must be established in a manner that is fair to all residents of the State,
37 represent approximately equal populations and ensure that each signature is
38 afforded the same weight.

39 2. Petition districts must be:

40 (a) Based on the population databases compiled by the Bureau of the Census of
41 the United States Department of Commerce as validated and incorporated into the
42 geographic information system by the Legislative Counsel Bureau for use by the
43 Nevada Legislature.

44 (b) Designated in the maps filed with the Office of the Secretary of State
45 pursuant to NRS 293.127562.

46 **Sec. 8.** NRS 293.127563 is hereby amended to read as follows:

47 293.127563 1. As soon as practicable after each general election, the
48 Secretary of State shall determine the number of signatures required to be gathered
49 from each petition district within the State for a petition for initiative *or*

1 *referendum* that proposes a ~~[statute, an amendment to a statute or an amendment to~~
2 ~~the Constitution of this State.] constitutional amendment or statewide measure.~~

3 2. To determine the number of signatures required to be gathered from a
4 petition district, the Secretary of State shall calculate the amount that equals 10
5 percent of the voters who voted in that petition district at the last preceding general
6 election.

7 **Sec. 9.** NRS 293.1276 is hereby amended to read as follows:

8 293.1276 1. Within 4 days, excluding Saturdays, Sundays and holidays,
9 after the submission of a petition containing signatures which are required to be
10 verified pursuant to NRS 293.128, 293.165, 293.172, 293.200, 295.056, 298.109,
11 306.035 or 306.110, the county clerk shall determine the total number of signatures
12 affixed to the documents and, in the case of a petition for *initiative or referendum*
13 proposing a ~~[statute, an amendment to a statute or an amendment to the~~
14 ~~Constitution.] constitutional amendment or statewide measure~~, shall tally the
15 number of signatures for each petition district contained fully or partially within the
16 county and forward that information to the Secretary of State.

17 2. If the Secretary of State finds that the total number of signatures filed with
18 all the county clerks is less than 100 percent of the required number of registered
19 voters, the Secretary of State shall so notify the person who submitted the petition
20 and the county clerks and no further action may be taken in regard to the petition. If
21 the petition is a petition to recall a county, district or municipal officer, the
22 Secretary of State shall also notify the officer with whom the petition is to be filed.

23 3. After the petition is submitted to the county clerk, it must not be handled
24 by any other person except by an employee of the county clerk's office until it is
25 filed with the Secretary of State.

26 **Sec. 10.** NRS 293.1277 is hereby amended to read as follows:

27 293.1277 1. If the Secretary of State finds that the total number of
28 signatures submitted to all the county clerks is 100 percent or more of the number
29 of registered voters needed to declare the petition sufficient, the Secretary of State
30 shall immediately so notify the county clerks. Within 9 days, excluding Saturdays,
31 Sundays and holidays, after notification, each of the county clerks shall determine
32 the number of registered voters who have signed the documents submitted in the
33 county clerk's county and, in the case of a petition *for initiative or referendum*
34 proposing a ~~[statute, an amendment to a statute or an amendment to the~~
35 ~~Constitution.] constitutional amendment or statewide measure~~, shall tally the
36 number of signatures for each petition district contained or fully contained within
37 the county clerk's county.

38 2. If more than 500 names have been signed on the documents submitted to a
39 county clerk, the county clerk shall examine the signatures by sampling them at
40 random for verification. The random sample of signatures to be verified must be
41 drawn in such a manner that every signature which has been submitted to the
42 county clerk is given an equal opportunity to be included in the sample. The sample
43 must include an examination of at least 500 or 5 percent of the signatures,
44 whichever is greater.

45 3. In determining from the records of registration the number of registered
46 voters who signed the documents, the county clerk may use the signatures
47 contained in the file of applications to register to vote. If the county clerk uses that
48 file, the county clerk shall ensure that every application in the file is examined,
49 including any application in his or her possession which may not yet be entered into
50 the county clerk's records. The county clerk shall rely only on the appearance of the
51 signature and the address and date included with each signature in making his or
52 her determination.

4. In the case of a petition *for initiative or referendum* proposing a ~~[statute, an amendment to a statute or an amendment to the Constitution,]~~ *constitutional amendment or statewide measure*, when the county clerk is determining the number of registered voters who signed the documents from each petition district contained fully or partially within the county clerk's county, he or she must use the statewide voter registration list available pursuant to NRS 293.675.

5. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 7, upon completing the examination, the county clerk shall immediately attach to the documents a certificate properly dated, showing the result of the examination, including the tally of signatures by petition district, if required, and transmit the documents with the certificate to the Secretary of State. ~~[[In the case of a petition for initiative or referendum proposing a constitutional amendment or statewide measure, if a petition district comprises more than one county, [and the petition proposes a statute, an amendment to a statute or an amendment to the Constitution,] the appropriate county clerks shall comply with the regulations adopted by the Secretary of State pursuant to this section to complete the certificate. A copy of this certificate must be filed in the clerk's office. When the county clerk transmits the certificate to the Secretary of State, the county clerk shall notify the Secretary of State of the number of requests to remove a name received by the county clerk pursuant to NRS 295.055 or 306.015.~~

6. A person who submits a petition to the county clerk which is required to be verified pursuant to NRS 293.128, 293.165, 293.172, 293.200, 295.056, 298.109, 306.035 or 306.110 must be allowed to witness the verification of the signatures. A public officer who is the subject of a recall petition must also be allowed to witness the verification of the signatures on the petition.

7. For any petition containing signatures which are required to be verified pursuant to the provisions of NRS 293.165, 293.200, 306.035 or 306.110 for any county, district or municipal office within one county, the county clerk shall not transmit to the Secretary of State the documents containing the signatures of the registered voters.

8. The Secretary of State shall by regulation establish further procedures for carrying out the provisions of this section.

Sec. 11. NRS 293.1278 is hereby amended to read as follows:

293.1278 1. If the certificates received by the Secretary of State from all the county clerks establish that the number of valid signatures is less than 90 percent of the required number of registered voters, the petition shall be deemed to have failed to qualify, and the Secretary of State shall immediately so notify the petitioners and the county clerks.

2. If those certificates establish that the number of valid signatures is equal to or more than the sum of 100 percent of the number of registered voters needed to make the petition sufficient plus the total number of requests to remove a name received by the county clerks pursuant to NRS 295.055 or 306.015 and, in the case of a petition *for initiative or referendum* proposing a ~~[statute, an amendment to a statute or an amendment to the Constitution,]~~ *constitutional amendment or statewide measure*, that the petition has the minimum number of signatures required for each petition district, the petition shall be deemed to qualify as of the date of receipt by the Secretary of State of those certificates, and the Secretary of State shall immediately so notify the petitioners and the county clerks.

3. If the certificates establish that the petitioners have 100 percent or more of the number of registered voters needed to make the petition sufficient but the petition fails to qualify pursuant to subsection 2, each county clerk who received a request to remove a name pursuant to NRS 295.055 or 306.015 shall remove each name as requested, amend the certificate and transmit the amended certificate to the

Secretary of State. If the amended certificates establish that the petitioners have 100 percent or more of the number of registered voters needed to make the petition sufficient and, in the case of a petition *for initiative or referendum* proposing a ~~[statute, an amendment to a statute or an amendment to the Constitution,]~~ *constitutional amendment or statewide measure*, that the petition has the minimum number of signatures required for each petition district, the petition shall be deemed to qualify as of the date of receipt by the Secretary of State of the amended certificates, and the Secretary of State shall immediately so notify the petitioners and the county clerks.

Sec. 12. NRS 293.1279 is hereby amended to read as follows:

293.1279 1. If the statistical sampling shows that the number of valid signatures filed is 90 percent or more, but less than the sum of 100 percent of the number of signatures of registered voters needed to declare the petition sufficient plus the total number of requests to remove a name received by the county clerks pursuant to NRS 295.055 or 306.015, the Secretary of State shall order the county clerks to examine the signatures for verification. The county clerks shall examine the signatures for verification until they determine that 100 percent of the number of signatures of registered voters needed to declare the petition sufficient are valid. If the county clerks received a request to remove a name pursuant to NRS 295.055 or 306.015, the county clerks may not determine that 100 percent of the number of signatures of registered voters needed to declare the petition sufficient are valid until they have removed each name as requested pursuant to NRS 295.055 or 306.015.

2. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, if the statistical sampling shows that the number of valid signatures filed in any county is 90 percent or more but less than the sum of 100 percent of the number of signatures of registered voters needed to constitute 10 percent of the number of voters who voted at the last preceding general election in that county plus the total number of requests to remove a name received by the county clerk in that county pursuant to NRS 295.055 or 306.015, the Secretary of State may order the county clerk in that county to examine every signature for verification. If the county clerk received a request to remove a name pursuant to NRS 295.055 or 306.015, the county clerk may not determine that 100 percent or more of the number of signatures of registered voters needed to constitute 10 percent of the number of voters who voted at the last preceding general election in that county are valid until the county clerk has removed each name as requested pursuant to NRS 295.055 or 306.015. In the case of a petition for initiative *or referendum* that proposes a ~~[statute, an amendment to a statute or an amendment to the Constitution of this State,]~~ *constitutional amendment or statewide measure*, if the statistical sampling shows that the number of valid signatures in any petition district is 90 percent or more but less than the sum of 100 percent of the number of signatures of registered voters required for that petition district pursuant to NRS 295.012 plus the total number of requests to remove a name received by the county clerk or county clerks, if the petition district comprises more than one county, pursuant to NRS 295.055, the Secretary of State may order a county clerk to examine every signature for verification.

3. Within 12 days, excluding Saturdays, Sundays and holidays, after receipt of such an order, the county clerk or county clerks shall determine from the records of registration what number of registered voters have signed the petition and, if appropriate, tally those signatures by petition district. If necessary, the board of county commissioners shall allow the county clerk additional assistants for examining the signatures and provide for their compensation. In determining from the records of registration what number of registered voters have signed the petition

1 and in determining in which petition district the voters reside, the county clerk must
2 use the statewide voter registration list. The county clerk may rely on the
3 appearance of the signature and the address and date included with each signature
4 in determining the number of registered voters that signed the petition.

5 4. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 5, upon completing the
6 examination, the county clerk or county clerks shall immediately attach to the
7 documents of the petition an amended certificate, properly dated, showing the result
8 of the examination and shall immediately forward the documents with the amended
9 certificate to the Secretary of State. A copy of the amended certificate must be filed
10 in the county clerk's office. In the case of a petition *for initiative or referendum*
11 to propose a ~~[statute, an amendment to a statute or an amendment to the Constitution,]~~
12 *constitutional amendment or statewide measure*, if a petition district comprises
13 more than one county, the county clerks shall comply with the regulations adopted
14 by the Secretary of State pursuant to this section to complete the amended
15 certificate.

16 5. For any petition containing signatures which are required to be verified
17 pursuant to the provisions of NRS 293.165, 293.200, 306.035 or 306.110 for any
18 county, district or municipal office within one county, the county clerk shall not
19 forward to the Secretary of State the documents containing the signatures of the
20 registered voters.

21 6. Except for a petition to recall a county, district or municipal officer, the
22 petition shall be deemed filed with the Secretary of State as of the date on which the
23 Secretary of State receives certificates from the county clerks showing the petition
24 to be signed by the requisite number of voters of the State.

25 7. If the amended certificates received from all county clerks by the Secretary
26 of State establish that the petition is still insufficient, the Secretary of State shall
27 immediately so notify the petitioners and the county clerks. If the petition is a
28 petition to recall a county, district or municipal officer, the Secretary of State shall
29 also notify the officer with whom the petition is to be filed.

30 8. The Secretary of State shall adopt regulations to carry out the provisions of
31 this section.

32 **Sec. 13.** NRS 293.165 is hereby amended to read as follows:

33 293.165 1. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 293.166, a vacancy
34 occurring in a major or minor political party nomination for a partisan office may
35 be filled by a candidate designated by the party central committee of the county or
36 State, as the case may be, of the major political party or by the executive committee
37 of the minor political party subject to the provisions of subsections 4 and 5.

38 2. A vacancy occurring in a nonpartisan nomination after the close of filing
39 and on or before 5 p.m. of the second Tuesday in April must be filled by filing a
40 nominating petition that is signed by registered voters of the State, county, district
41 or municipality who may vote for the office in question. The number of registered
42 voters who sign the petition must not be less than 1 percent of the number of
43 persons who voted for the office in question in the State, county, district or
44 municipality at the last preceding general election. The petition must be filed not
45 earlier than the first Tuesday in March and not later than the fourth Tuesday in
46 April. The petition may consist of more than one document. Each document must
47 bear the name of one county and must be signed only by a person who is a
48 registered voter of that county and who may vote for the office in question. Each
49 document of the petition must be submitted for verification pursuant to NRS
50 293.1276 to 293.1279, inclusive, to the county clerk of the county named on the
51 document. A candidate nominated pursuant to the provisions of this subsection:

52 (a) Must file a declaration of candidacy or acceptance of candidacy and pay the
53 statutory filing fee on or before the date the petition is filed; and

(b) May be elected only at a general election, and the candidate's name must not appear on the ballot for a primary election.

3. A vacancy occurring in a nonpartisan nomination after 5 p.m. of the second Tuesday in April and on or before 5 p.m. on the ~~{first Tuesday after the primary election,}~~ *fourth Friday in June of the year in which the general election is held* must be filled by the person who receives the next highest vote for the nomination in the primary.

4. No change may be made on the ballot for the general election after 5 p.m. on the ~~{first Tuesday after the primary election,}~~ *fourth Friday in June of the year in which the general election is held*. If a nominee dies after that time and date, the nominee's name must remain on the ballot for the general election and, if elected, a vacancy exists.

5. All designations provided for in this section must be filed on or before 5 p.m. on the ~~{first Tuesday after the primary election,}~~ *fourth Friday in June of the year in which the general election is held*. In each case, the statutory filing fee must be paid and an acceptance of the designation must be filed on or before 5 p.m. on the date the designation is filed.

Sec. 14. NRS 293.166 is hereby amended to read as follows:

293.166 1. A vacancy occurring in a party nomination for the office of State Senator, Assemblyman or Assemblywoman from a legislative district comprising more than one county may be filled as follows, subject to the provisions of subsections 2 and 3. The county commissioners of each county, all or part of which is included within the legislative district, shall meet to appoint a person who is of the same political party as the former nominee and who actually, as opposed to constructively, resides in the district to fill the vacancy, with the chair of the board of county commissioners of the county whose population residing within the district is the greatest presiding. Each board of county commissioners shall first meet separately and determine the single candidate it will nominate to fill the vacancy. Then, the boards shall meet jointly and the chairs on behalf of the boards shall cast a proportionate number of votes according to the percent, rounded to the nearest whole percent, which the population of its county is of the population of the entire district. Populations must be determined by the last decennial census or special census conducted by the Bureau of the Census of the United States Department of Commerce. The person who receives a plurality of these votes is appointed to fill the vacancy. If no person receives a plurality of the votes, the boards of county commissioners of the respective counties shall each as a group select one candidate, and the nominee must be chosen by drawing lots among the persons so selected.

2. No change may be made on the ballot after the ~~{first Tuesday after the primary election,}~~ *fourth Friday in June* of the year in which the general election is held. If a nominee dies after that date, the nominee's name must remain on the ballot and, if elected, a vacancy exists.

3. The designation of a nominee pursuant to this section must be filed with the Secretary of State *on or* before 5 p.m. on the ~~{first Tuesday after the primary election,}~~ *fourth Friday in June of the year in which the general election is held*, and the statutory filing fee must be paid with the designation.

Sec. 15. NRS 293.171 is hereby amended to read as follows:

293.171 1. To ~~{qualify}~~ *be {recognized,} organized* as a minor political party, an organization must file with the Secretary of State a certificate of existence which includes the:

- (a) Name of the political party;
- (b) Names of its officers;
- (c) Names of the members of its executive committee; and

(d) Name of the person authorized to file the list of its candidates for partisan office with the Secretary of State.

2. A copy of the constitution or bylaws of the party must be affixed to the certificate.

3. A minor political party shall file with the Secretary of State an amended certificate of existence within 5 days after any change in the information contained in the certificate.

4. The constitution or bylaws of a minor political party must provide a procedure for the nomination of its candidates in such a manner that only one candidate may be nominated for each office.

5. A minor political party whose candidates for partisan office do not appear on the ballot for the general election must file a notice of continued existence with the Secretary of State not later than the second Friday in August preceding the general election.

6. A minor political party which fails to file a notice of continued existence as required by subsection 5 ceases to exist as a minor political party in this State.

Sec. 16. NRS 293.1715 is hereby amended to read as follows:

293.1715 1. The names of the candidates for partisan office of a minor political party must not appear on the ballot for a primary election.

2. The names of the candidates for partisan office of a minor political party must be placed on the ballot for the general election if the *minor political party has* ~~is~~ *qualified. To qualify as a minor political party, the minor political party must have* filed a certificate of existence and *be* ~~recognized~~ *organized pursuant to NRS 293.171, must have filed* a list of its candidates for partisan office pursuant to the provisions of NRS 293.1725 with the Secretary of State and:

(a) At the last preceding general election, the minor political party *must have* polled for any of its candidates for partisan office a number of votes equal to or more than 1 percent of the total number of votes cast for the offices of Representative in Congress;

(b) On January 1 preceding a primary election, the minor political party ~~has~~ *must have* been designated as the political party on the applications to register to vote of at least 1 percent of the total number of registered voters in this State; or

(c) Not later than the ~~second~~ *third* Friday in ~~June~~ *May* preceding the general election, ~~files~~ *must file* a petition with the Secretary of State which is signed by a number of registered voters equal to at least 1 percent of the total number of votes cast at the last preceding general election for the offices of Representative in Congress.

3. ~~The name of a candidate for partisan office for a minor political party other than a candidate for the office of President or Vice President of the United States must be placed on the ballot for the general election if the minor political party has filed:~~

~~(a) A certificate of existence; [] and is recognized pursuant to NRS 293.171;~~

~~(b) A list of candidates for partisan office containing the name of the candidate pursuant to the provisions of NRS 293.1725 with the Secretary of State; and~~

~~(c) Not earlier than the first Monday in March preceding the general election and not later than 5 p.m. on the second Friday after the first Monday in March, a petition on behalf of the candidate with the Secretary of State containing not less than:~~

~~(1) Two hundred fifty signatures of registered voters if the candidate is to be nominated for a statewide office; or~~

~~(2) One hundred signatures of registered voters if the candidate is to be nominated for any office except a statewide office.~~

~~1 A minor political party that places names of one or more candidates for partisan~~
~~2 office on the ballot pursuant to this subsection may also place the names of one or~~
~~3 more candidates for partisan office on the ballot pursuant to subsection 2.~~

~~4 4.]~~ The name of only one candidate of each minor political party for each
partisan office may appear on the ballot for a general election.

~~5 5.]~~ 4. A minor political party must file a copy of the petition required by
paragraph (c) of subsection 2 ~~for paragraph (c) of subsection 2.]~~ with the Secretary
of State before the petition may be circulated for signatures.

Sec. 16.2. NRS 293.172 is hereby amended to read as follows:

293.172 1. A petition filed pursuant to subsection 2 ~~for 2.]~~ of NRS 293.1715
may consist of more than one document. Each document of the petition must:

(a) Bear the name of the minor political party and, if applicable, the candidate
and office to which the candidate is to be nominated.

(b) Include the affidavit of the person who circulated the document verifying
that the signers are registered voters in this State according to his or her best
information and belief and that the signatures are genuine and were signed in his or
her presence.

(c) Bear the name of a county and be submitted to the county clerk of that
county for verification in the manner prescribed in NRS 293.1276 to 293.1279,
inclusive, not later than 25 working days before the last day to file the petition. A
challenge to the form of a document must be made in a district court in the county
that is named on the document.

(d) Be signed only by registered voters of the county that is named on the
document.

2. If the office to which the candidate is to be nominated is a county office,
only the registered voters of that county may sign the petition. If the office to which
the candidate is to be nominated is a district office, only the registered voters of that
district may sign the petition.

3. Each person who signs a petition shall also provide the address of the place
where he or she resides, the date that he or she signs and the name of the county in
which he or she is registered to vote.

4. The county clerk shall not disqualify the signature of a voter who failed to
provide all the information required by subsection 3 if the voter is registered in the
county named on the document.

Sec. 16.4. NRS 293.1725 is hereby amended to read as follows:

293.1725 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 4, a minor political
party that wishes to place its candidates for partisan office on the ballot for a
general election and:

(a) Is entitled to do so pursuant to paragraph (a) or (b) of subsection 2 of NRS
293.1715; or

(b) Files or will file a petition pursuant to paragraph (c) of subsection 2 of NRS
293.1715, ~~for~~

~~(c) Whose candidates are entitled to appear on the ballot pursuant to subsection~~
~~3 of NRS 293.1715.]~~

~~must file with the Secretary of State a list of its candidates for partisan office not~~
~~earlier than the first Monday in March preceding the election nor later than 5 p.m.~~
~~on the second Friday after the first Monday in March. The list must be signed by~~
~~the person so authorized in the certificate of existence of the minor political party~~
~~before a notary public or other person authorized to take acknowledgments. [The~~
~~Secretary of State shall strike from the list each candidate who is not entitled to~~
~~appear on the ballot pursuant to subsection 3 of NRS 293.1715 if the minor political~~
~~party is not entitled to place candidates on the ballot pursuant to subsection 2 of~~

~~NRS 293.1715.~~ The list may be amended not later than 5 p.m. on the second Friday after the first Monday in March.

2. The Secretary of State shall immediately forward a certified copy of the list of candidates for partisan office of each minor political party to the filing officer with whom each candidate must file his or her declaration of candidacy.

3. Each candidate on the list must file his or her declaration of candidacy with the appropriate filing officer and pay the fee required by NRS 293.193 not earlier than the date on which the list of candidates for partisan office of the minor political party is filed with the Secretary of State nor later than 5 p.m. on the second Friday after the first Monday in March.

4. A minor political party that wishes to place candidates for the offices of President and Vice President of the United States on the ballot and has qualified to place the names of its candidates for partisan office on the ballot for the general election pursuant to subsection 2 of NRS 293.1715 must file with the Secretary of State a certificate of nomination for these offices not later than the first Tuesday in September.

Sec. 17. NRS 293.174 is hereby amended to read as follows:

293.174 ~~[-]~~ If the qualification of a minor political party *to place the names of candidates on the ballot pursuant to NRS 293.1715* is challenged, all affidavits and documents in support of the challenge must be filed not later than 5 p.m. on the third Friday in June. Any judicial proceeding resulting from the challenge must be set for hearing not more than 5 days after the third Friday in June. A challenge pursuant to this ~~subsection~~ *section* must be filed with the First Judicial District Court if the petition was filed with the Secretary of State.

~~[2.—If the qualification of a candidate of a minor political party other than a candidate for the office of President or Vice President of the United States is challenged, all affidavits and documents in support of the challenge must be filed not later than 5 p.m. on the fourth Monday in March. Any judicial proceeding resulting from the challenge must be set for hearing not more than 5 days after the fourth Monday in March. A challenge pursuant to this subsection must be filed with:~~

~~—(a) The First Judicial District Court; or~~

~~—(b) If a candidate who filed a declaration of candidacy with a county clerk is challenged, the district court for the county where the declaration of candidacy was filed.]~~

Sec. 18. NRS 293.176 is hereby amended to read as follows:

293.176 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, no person may be a candidate of a major political party for partisan office in any election if the person has changed:

(a) The designation of his or her political party affiliation; or

(b) His or her designation of political party from nonpartisan to a designation of a political party affiliation,

— on an application to register to vote in the State of Nevada or in any other state during the time beginning on December 31 preceding the closing filing date for that election and ending on the date of that election whether or not the person's previous registration was still effective at the time of the change in party designation.

2. The provisions of subsection 1 do not apply to any person who is a candidate of a political party that ~~was~~ *is* not ~~qualified~~ *recognized* *organized* pursuant to NRS 293.171 on the December 31 next preceding the closing filing date for the election.

Sec. 19. NRS 293.184 is hereby amended to read as follows:

293.184 1. In addition to any other penalty provided by law, if a person ~~knowingly and~~ willfully files a declaration of candidacy or acceptance of

candidacy ~~[which]~~ *knowing that the declaration of candidacy or acceptance of candidacy* contains a false statement:

~~[(1.) The]~~

(a) *Except as otherwise provided in NRS 293.165 and 293.166, the* name of the person must not appear on any ballot for the election for which the person filed the declaration of candidacy or acceptance of candidacy; and

~~[(2.) (b)]~~ (b) The person is disqualified from entering upon the duties of the office for which he or she was a candidate.

2. *If the name of a person who is disqualified from entering upon the duties of an office pursuant to subsection 1 appears on a ballot for the election is disqualified because the deadline set forth in NRS 293.165 and 293.166 for making changes to the ballot has passed, the Secretary of State and county clerk must post a sign at each polling place where the person's name will appear on the ballot informing voters that the person is disqualified from entering upon the duties of office.*

Sec. 20. ~~[NRS 293.193 is hereby amended to read as follows:]~~

~~293.193 1. [Fees] Except as otherwise provided in subsection 6, fees as listed in this section for filing declarations of candidacy or acceptances of candidacy must be paid to the filing officer by cash, cashier's check or certified check.~~

United States Senator	[\$500] \$3,000
Representative in Congress	[300] 2,000
Governor	[300] 2,000
Justice of the Supreme Court	[300] 1,500
Any state office, other than Governor or justice of the Supreme Court	[200] 1,500
District judge	[150] 500
Justice of the peace	[100] 250
Any county office	[100] 300
State Senator	[100] 300
Assemblyman or Assemblywoman	[100] 300
Any district office other than district judge	[30] 100
Constable or other town or township office	[30] 100

~~For the purposes of this subsection, trustee of a county school district, hospital or hospital district is not a county office.~~

~~2. [No] Except as otherwise provided in subsections 3 and 6, no filing fee may be required from a candidate for an office the holder of which receives no compensation. The provisions of this subsection apply even if the holder is eligible to receive per diem or reimbursement of expenses.~~

~~3. Except in the case of a State Senator, Assemblyman or Assemblywoman, and except as otherwise provided in subsection 6, a filing fee of \$25 is required from a candidate for an office the holder of which receives annual compensation in the amount of \$1,000 or less.~~

~~4. The county clerk shall pay to the county treasurer all filing fees received from candidates. The county treasurer shall deposit the money to the credit of the general fund of the county.~~

~~[4.] 5. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 293.194, a filing fee paid pursuant to this section is not refundable.~~

~~6. A candidate for an office is not required to pay the filing fee required pursuant to this section if the candidate files with his or her declaration of candidacy or acceptance of candidacy.~~

~~(a) An affidavit, in the form prescribed by the Secretary of State and signed under penalty of perjury, that the candidate does not have the financial ability to pay the filing fee; and~~

~~(b) A petition to include the candidate on the ballot for the relevant office. Such a petition is subject to the requirements set forth in NRS 293.12757 to 293.1279, inclusive, must be in the form prescribed by the Secretary of State and must contain at least a number of signatures of registered voters within the candidate's district that is not less than the amount of the filing fee prescribed by subsection 1, 2 or 3, as applicable.] (Deleted by amendment.)~~

Sec. 21. NRS 293.257 is hereby amended to read as follows:

293.257 1. There must be a separate primary ballot for each major political party. The names of candidates for partisan offices who have designated a major political party in the declaration of candidacy or acceptance of candidacy must appear on the primary ballot of the major political party designated.

2. The county clerk may choose to place the names of candidates for nonpartisan offices on the ballots for each major political party or on a separate nonpartisan primary ballot, but the arrangement which the county clerk selects must permit all registered voters to vote on them.

3. *A registered voter may cast a primary ballot for a major political party at a primary election only if the registered voter designated on his or her application to register to vote an affiliation with that major political party.*

Sec. 22. ~~[NRS 293.268 is hereby amended to read as follows:~~

~~293.268 The offices for which there are candidates, the names of the candidates therefor, and the questions to be voted upon must be printed on ballots in the following order:~~

- ~~1. President and Vice President of the United States;~~
- ~~2. United States Senator and Representative in Congress, in that sequence;~~
- ~~3. Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of State, Treasurer, Controller, [and] Attorney General [,] and justice of the Supreme Court, in that sequence;~~
- ~~4. State Senators and members of the Assembly;~~
- ~~5. County and township partisan offices;~~
- ~~6. [Statewide] Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3, statewide nonpartisan offices;~~
- ~~7. District nonpartisan offices;~~
- ~~8. County nonpartisan offices;~~
- ~~9. City offices;~~
- ~~(a) Mayor;~~
- ~~(b) Council members according to ward in numerical order, if no wards, in alphabetical order; and~~
- ~~(c) Municipal judges;~~
- ~~10. Township nonpartisan offices;~~
- ~~11. Questions presented to the voters of the State with advisory questions listed in consecutive order after any other questions presented to the voters of the State;~~
- ~~12. Questions presented only to the voters of a special district or political subdivision of the State with advisory questions listed in consecutive order after any other questions presented only to the voters of a special district or political subdivision of the State.] (Deleted by amendment.)~~

Sec. 23. NRS 293.333 is hereby amended to read as follows:

293.333 On the day of an election, the precinct or district election boards receiving the absent voters' ballots from the county clerk shall, in the presence of a majority of the election board officers, remove the ballots from the ballot box and

the containers in which the ballots were transported pursuant to NRS 293.325 and deposit the ballots in the regular ballot box in the following manner:

1. The name of the voter, as shown on the return envelope, ~~for~~ facsimile, *special absent ballot or oath of the voter required pursuant to NRS 293.3157, as applicable*, must be called and checked as if the voter were voting in person;

2. The signature on the back of the return envelope or on the facsimile, *special absent ballot or oath of the voter required pursuant to NRS 293.3157, as applicable*, must be compared with that on the original application to register to vote;

3. If the board determines that the absent voter is entitled to cast a ballot, the envelope must be opened, the numbers on the ballot and envelope compared, the number strip or stub detached from the ballot and, if the numbers are the same, the ballot deposited in the regular ballot box; and

4. The election board officers shall mark in the roster opposite the name of the voter the word "Voted."

Sec. 24. NRS 293.3568 is hereby amended to read as follows:

293.3568 1. The period for early voting by personal appearance begins the third Saturday preceding a primary or general election and extends through the Friday before election day, Sundays and *federal* holidays excepted.

2. The county clerk may:

(a) Include any Sunday or *federal* holiday that falls within the period for early voting by personal appearance.

(b) Require a permanent polling place for early voting to remain open until 8 p.m. on any Saturday that falls within the period for early voting.

3. A permanent polling place for early voting must remain open:

(a) On Monday through Friday:

(1) During the first week of early voting, from 8 a.m. until 6 p.m.

(2) During the second week of early voting, from 8 a.m. until 6 p.m., or until 8 p.m. if the county clerk so requires.

(b) On any Saturday that falls within the period for early voting, for at least 4 hours between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.

(c) If the county clerk includes a Sunday that falls within the period for early voting pursuant to subsection 2, during such hours as the county clerk may establish.

Sec. 25. NRS 293.368 is hereby amended to read as follows:

293.368 1. Whenever a candidate whose name appears upon the ballot at a primary election dies after 5 p.m. of the second Tuesday in April, the deceased candidate's name must remain on the ballot and the votes cast for the deceased candidate must be counted in determining the nomination for the office for which the decedent was a candidate.

2. If the deceased candidate on the ballot at the primary election receives the number of votes required to receive the nomination to the office for which he or she was a candidate, except as otherwise provided in subsection 3 of NRS 293.165, the deceased candidate shall be deemed nominated and the vacancy in the nomination must be filled as provided in NRS 293.165 or 293.166. If the deceased person was a candidate for a nonpartisan office, the nomination must be filled pursuant to subsection 2 of NRS 293.165.

3. Whenever a candidate whose name appears upon the ballot at a general election dies after 5 p.m. on the ~~[first Tuesday after the primary election,]~~ *fourth Friday in June of the year in which the general election is held*, the votes cast for the deceased candidate must be counted in determining the results of the election for the office for which the decedent was a candidate.

4. If the deceased candidate on the ballot at the general election receives the majority of the votes cast for the office, the deceased candidate shall be deemed elected and the office to which he or she was elected shall be deemed vacant at the beginning of the term for which he or she was elected. The vacancy thus created must be filled in the same manner as if the candidate had died after taking office for that term.

Sec. 26. NRS 293.383 is hereby amended to read as follows:

293.383 1. Except as otherwise provided in ~~subsection 2.~~ *this section*, each counting board, before it adjourns, shall post a copy of the voting results in a conspicuous place on the outside of the place where the votes were counted.

2. ~~When~~ *Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3, when* votes are cast on ballots which are mechanically or electronically tabulated in accordance with the provisions of chapter 293B of NRS, the county clerk shall, as soon as possible, post copies of the tabulated voting results in a conspicuous place on the outside of the counting facility or courthouse.

3. *The Secretary of State shall notify each county clerk as soon as is reasonably practicable when every polling place is closed and all votes have been cast. A county clerk shall not post copies of the tabulated voting results for a statewide or multicounty race or ballot question until the county clerk has received notification from the Secretary of State that all polling places are closed and all votes have been cast.*

4. Each copy of the voting results posted in accordance with subsections 1, ~~and~~ 2 and 3 must set forth the accumulative total of all the votes cast within the county or other political subdivision conducting the election and must be signed by the members of the counting board or the computer program and processing accuracy board.

Sec. 27. NRS 293.404 is hereby amended to read as follows:

293.404 1. Where a recount is demanded pursuant to the provisions of NRS 293.403, the:

(a) County clerk of each county affected by the recount shall employ a recount board to conduct the recount in the county, and shall act as chair of the recount board unless the recount is for the office of county clerk, in which case the registrar of voters of the county, if a registrar of voters has been appointed for the county, shall act as chair of the recount board. If a registrar of voters has not been appointed for the county, the chair of the board of county commissioners, if the chair is not a candidate on the ballot, shall act as chair of the recount board. If the recount is for the office of county clerk, a registrar of voters has not been appointed for the county and the chair of the board of county commissioners is a candidate on the ballot, the chair of the board of county commissioners shall appoint another member of the board of county commissioners who is not a candidate on the ballot to act as chair of the recount board. A member of the board of county commissioners who is a candidate on the ballot may not serve as a member of the recount board.

(b) City clerk shall employ a recount board to conduct the recount in the city, and shall act as chair of the recount board unless the recount is for the office of city clerk, in which case the mayor of the city, if the mayor is not a candidate on the ballot, shall act as chair of the recount board. If the recount is for the office of city clerk and the mayor of the city is a candidate on the ballot, the mayor of the city shall appoint another member of the city council who is not a candidate on the ballot to act as chair of the recount board. A member of the city council who is a candidate on the ballot may not serve as a member of the recount board.

2. Each candidate for the office affected by the recount and the voter who demanded the recount, if any, may be present in person or by an authorized representative, but may not be a member of the recount board.

3. Except in counties or cities using a mechanical voting system, the recount must include a count and inspection of all ballots, including rejected ballots, and must determine whether those ballots are marked as required by law.

4. If a recount is demanded in a county or city using a mechanical voting system, the person who demanded the recount shall select the ballots for the office or ballot question affected from 5 ~~4~~

~~(a) Five~~ percent of the total number of precincts, ~~for that particular office or ballot question~~, but in no case fewer than three precincts, after notification to each candidate for the office or the candidate's authorized representative. ~~for~~

~~(b) The absent ballots cast by mail in that county or city.~~

5. The recount board shall examine the selected ballots, including any duplicate or rejected ballots, shall determine whether the ballots have been voted in accordance with this title and shall ~~count~~ recount the valid ballots ~~by hand. In addition, a recount by computer must be made of all the selected ballots.~~ in the same manner in which the ballots were originally tabulated. If the ~~count by hand or the~~ recount by computer of the selected ballots for all 5 percent of the precincts selected shows a total combined discrepancy of all precincts selected equal to or greater than 1 percent or five votes, whichever is greater, for the candidate demanding the recount or the candidate who won the election according to the original canvass of the returns, or in favor of or against a ballot question, according to the original canvass of the returns, the county or city clerk, as applicable, shall determine whether the person who demanded the recount is entitled to a recount and, if so, shall order a ~~count by hand~~ recount of all the ballots for that office or ballot question. ~~Otherwise, the county or city clerk shall order a recount by computer of all the ballots for all candidates for the office or all the ballots for the ballot question.~~

~~5.5~~ 6. The county or city clerk shall unseal and give to the recount board all ballots to be counted.

~~6.5~~ 7. In the case of a demand for a recount affecting more than one county, including, without limitation, a statewide office or a ballot question, the demand must be made to the Secretary of State. ~~The person~~ The person who demanding the recount shall select the ballots for the statewide office or ballot question affected from 5 percent of the total number of precincts for that particular office or ballot question after notification to each candidate for the office or the candidate's representative. The Secretary of State shall notify the county clerks ~~to proceed with the recount~~ of the 5 percent of statewide precincts selected by the person who demanded the recount to examine the ballots in accordance with the provisions of this section and to notify the Secretary of State of the results of the recount in their respective precincts. If the separate examinations, when combined, show a total discrepancy equal to or greater than 1 percent for the candidate demanding the recount or the candidate who won the election, according to the original canvass of the returns, or in favor of or against a ballot question, according to the original canvass of the returns, the Secretary of State shall determine whether the person who demanded the recount is entitled to a recount and, if so, shall order the county or city clerk, as applicable, to recount all the ballots for that office or ballot question.

8. The Secretary of State may adopt regulations to carry out the provisions of this section.

1 **Sec. 28.** ~~[NRS 293.463 is hereby amended to read as follows:~~
2 ~~293.463 1. Any registered voter may be absent from his or her place of~~
3 ~~employment at a time to be designated by the employer for a sufficient time to vote~~
4 ~~[.] or participate in the nomination process for candidates for President of the~~
5 ~~United States at a caucus of a political party, if it is impracticable for the voter to~~
6 ~~vote or participate in the nomination process before or after his or her hours of~~
7 ~~employment. A sufficient time to vote shall be determined as follows:~~
8 ~~(a) If the distance between the place of such voter's employment and the~~
9 ~~polling place or place where the caucus is held, as applicable, where such person~~
10 ~~votes is 2 miles or less, 1 hour.~~
11 ~~(b) If the distance is more than 2 miles but not more than 10 miles, 2 hours.~~
12 ~~(c) If the distance is more than 10 miles, 3 hours.~~
13 ~~2. Such voter may not, because of such absence, be discharged, disciplined or~~
14 ~~penalized, nor shall any deduction be made from his or her usual salary or wages by~~
15 ~~reason of such absence.~~
16 ~~3. Application for leave of absence to vote or participate in the nomination~~
17 ~~process shall be made to the employer or person authorized to grant such leave~~
18 ~~prior to the day of the election.~~
19 ~~4. Any employer or person authorized to grant the leave of absence provided~~
20 ~~for in subsection 1, who denies any registered voter any right granted under this~~
21 ~~section, or who otherwise violates the provisions of this section, is guilty of a~~
22 ~~misdemeanor.] (Deleted by amendment.)~~

23 **Sec. 29.** NRS 293.4687 is hereby amended to read as follows:
24 293.4687 1. The Secretary of State shall maintain a website on the Internet
25 for public information maintained, collected or compiled by the Secretary of State
26 that relates to elections, which must include, without limitation:
27 (a) The Voters' Bill of Rights required to be posted on the Secretary of State's
28 Internet website pursuant to the provisions of NRS 293.2549;
29 (b) The abstract of votes required to be posted on a website pursuant to the
30 provisions of NRS 293.388;
31 (c) A current list of the registered voters in this State that also indicates the
32 petition district in which each registered voter resides;
33 (d) A map or maps indicating the boundaries of each petition district; and
34 (e) All reports on campaign contributions and expenditures submitted to the
35 Secretary of State pursuant to the provisions of NRS 294A.120, 294A.125,
36 294A.140, 294A.150, 294A.200, 294A.210, 294A.220, 294A.270, 294A.280,
37 294A.283, 294A.360 and 294A.362 ~~[and section 38 of this act]~~ and all reports on
38 contributions received by and expenditures made from a legal defense fund *or used*
39 *to pay for legal expenses* submitted to the Secretary of State pursuant to NRS
40 294A.286.

41 2. The abstract of votes required to be maintained on the website pursuant to
42 paragraph (b) of subsection 1 must be maintained in such a format as to permit the
43 searching of the abstract of votes for specific information.

44 3. If the information required to be maintained by the Secretary of State
45 pursuant to subsection 1 may be obtained by the public from a website on the
46 Internet maintained by a county clerk or city clerk, the Secretary of State may
47 provide a hyperlink to that website to comply with the provisions of subsection 1
48 with regard to that information.

49 **Sec. 30.** NRS 293.487 is hereby amended to read as follows:

50 293.487 No person may gain or lose residence by reason of his or her
51 presence or absence while ~~[employed]~~ :

52 1. *Employed* in the military, naval or civil service of the United States or of
53 the State of Nevada, or while engaged in the navigation of the waters of the United

1 States or of the high seas ~~[, or while a]~~ *or while married to another person who is*
2 *so employed or engaged;*

3 2. A student at any seminary or other institution of learning ~~[, or while an]~~; *or*

4 3. *An* inmate of any public institution.

5 **Sec. 31.** ~~[Chapter 293C of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a new~~
6 ~~section to read as follows:~~

7 ~~1. Except as otherwise provided in this section, a person may not submit~~
8 ~~and the city clerk shall not accept a declaration of candidacy or acceptance of~~
9 ~~candidacy if a civil penalty has been issued or a fine imposed against the person~~
10 ~~for a violation of any provision of this title and the civil penalty or fine remains~~
11 ~~unpaid.~~

12 ~~2. Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection 1, a person described in~~
13 ~~subsection 1 may submit and the city clerk shall accept the declaration of~~
14 ~~candidacy or acceptance of candidacy if the unpaid civil penalty or fine is under~~
15 ~~appeal and the person posts a bond with the Secretary of State for the same~~
16 ~~amount as the unpaid civil penalty or fine.~~

17 ~~3. Not later than 15 days before the first day for filing a declaration of~~
18 ~~candidacy or acceptance of candidacy set forth in NRS 293C.185, the Secretary~~
19 ~~of State shall notify each city clerk of, and post on the Secretary of State's~~
20 ~~Internet website, the name of any person who is prohibited from filing a~~
21 ~~declaration of candidacy or acceptance of candidacy pursuant to this section.]~~
22 **(Deleted by amendment.)**

23 **Sec. 32.** NRS 293C.1865 is hereby amended to read as follows:

24 293C.1865 1. In addition to any other penalty provided by law, if a person
25 ~~[knowingly and]~~ willfully files a declaration of candidacy or acceptance of
26 candidacy ~~[which]~~ *knowing that the declaration of candidacy or acceptance of*
27 *candidacy* contains a false statement:

28 ~~[1. The]~~

29 (a) *Except as otherwise provided in NRS 293.165 or 293.166, the* name of the
30 person must not appear on any ballot for the election for which the person filed the
31 declaration of candidacy or acceptance of candidacy; and

32 ~~[2.]~~ (b) The person is disqualified from entering upon the duties of the office
33 for which he or she was a candidate.

34 2. *If the name of a person who is disqualified from entering upon the duties*
35 *of an office pursuant to subsection 1 appears on a ballot for the election is*
36 *disqualified because the deadline set forth in NRS 293.165 and 293.166 for*
37 *making changes to the ballot has passed, the Secretary of State and city clerk*
38 *must post a sign at each polling place where the person's name will appear on the*
39 *ballot informing voters that the person is disqualified from entering upon the*
40 *duties of office.*

41 **Sec. 33.** NRS 293C.332 is hereby amended to read as follows:

42 293C.332 On the day of an election, the precinct or district election boards
43 receiving the absent voters' ballots from the city clerk shall, in the presence of a
44 majority of the election board officers, remove the ballots from the ballot box and
45 the containers in which the ballots were transported pursuant to NRS 293C.325 and
46 deposit the ballots in the regular ballot box in the following manner:

47 1. The name of the voter, as shown on the return envelope, ~~[or]~~ facsimile,
48 *special absent ballot or oath of the voter required pursuant to NRS 293.3157, as*
49 *applicable*, must be called and checked as if the voter were voting in person;

50 2. The signature on the back of the return envelope or on the facsimile,
51 *special absent ballot or oath of the voter required pursuant to NRS 293.3157, as*
52 *applicable*, must be compared with that on the original application to register to
53 vote;

3. If the board determines that the absent voter is entitled to cast a ballot, the envelope must be opened, the numbers on the ballot and envelope compared, the number strip or stub detached from the ballot and, if the numbers are the same, the ballot deposited in the regular ballot box; and

4. The election board officers shall mark in the roster opposite the name of the voter the word "Voted."

Sec. 34. NRS 293C.3568 is hereby amended to read as follows:

293C.3568 1. The period for early voting by personal appearance begins the third Saturday preceding a primary city election or general city election, and extends through the Friday before election day, Sundays and *federal* holidays excepted.

2. The city clerk may:

(a) Include any Sunday or *federal* holiday that falls within the period for early voting by personal appearance.

(b) Require a permanent polling place for early voting to remain open until 8 p.m. on any Saturday that falls within the period for early voting.

3. A permanent polling place for early voting must remain open:

(a) On Monday through Friday:

(1) During the first week of early voting, from 8 a.m. until 6 p.m.

(2) During the second week of early voting, from 8 a.m. until 6 p.m., or until 8 p.m. if the city clerk so requires.

(b) On any Saturday that falls within the period for early voting, for at least 4 hours between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.

(c) If the city clerk includes a Sunday that falls within the period for early voting pursuant to subsection 2, during such hours as the city clerk may establish.

Sec. 35. Chapter 294A of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto the provisions set forth as sections 36, ~~37 and~~ to 38, *inclusive*, of this act.

Sec. 36. *"Advocates expressly" or "expressly advocates" means that a communication, taken as a whole, is susceptible to no other reasonable interpretation other than as an appeal to vote for or against a clearly identified candidate or group of candidates or a question or group of questions on the ballot at a primary election, primary city election, general election, general city election or special election. A communication does not have to include the words "vote for," "vote against," "elect," "support" or other similar language to be considered a communication that expressly advocates the passage or defeat of a candidate or a question.*

Sec. 36.5. *"Campaign expenses" means:*

1. All expenses incurred by a candidate for a campaign, including, without limitation:

(a) Office expenses;

(b) Expenses related to volunteers;

(c) Expenses related to travel;

(d) Expenses related to advertising;

(e) Expenses related to paid staff;

(f) Expenses related to consultants;

(g) Expenses related to polling;

(h) Expenses related to special events;

(i) Expenses related to a legal defense fund; and

(j) Contributions made to another candidate, a nonprofit corporation that is registered or required to be registered pursuant to NRS 294A.225, a committee for political action that is registered or required to be registered pursuant to NRS 294A.230 or a committee for the recall of a public officer that is registered or required to be registered pursuant to NRS 294A.250.

2. Expenditures, as defined in NRS 294A.004.

Sec. 37. 1. A person, committee for political action, political party or committee sponsored by a political party that ~~makes an expenditure of~~ expends more than \$100 for the purpose of financing a communication ~~including, without limitation, an electioneering communication,~~ through any television or radio broadcast, newspaper, magazine, outdoor advertising facility, mailing or any other type of general public political advertising that:

(a) Advocates expressly the election or defeat of a clearly identified candidate or group of candidates; or

(b) Solicits a contribution through any television or radio broadcast, newspaper, magazine, outdoor advertising facility, mailing or any other type of general public political advertising,

↳ shall disclose on the communication the name of the person, committee for political action, political party or committee sponsored by a political party that paid for the communication.

2. If a communication described in subsection 1 is approved by a candidate, in addition to the requirements of subsection 1, the communication must state that the candidate approved the communication and disclose the street address, telephone number and Internet address, if any, of the person, committee for political action, political party or committee sponsored by a political party that paid for the communication.

3. A person, committee for political action, political party or committee sponsored by a political party that has an Internet website available for viewing by the general public or that sends out an electronic mailing to more than 500 people that:

(a) Advocates expressly the election or defeat of a clearly identified candidate or group of candidates; or

(b) Solicits a contribution through any television or radio broadcast, newspaper, magazine, outdoor advertising facility, mailing or any other type of general public political advertising,

↳ shall disclose on the Internet website or electronic mailing, as applicable, the name of the person, committee for political action, political party or committee sponsored by a political party.

4. The disclosures and statements required pursuant to this section must be clear and conspicuous, and easy to read or hear, as applicable.

~~5. As used in this section, "electioneering communication" has the meaning ascribed to it in 11 C.F.R. § 100.29.~~

Sec. 38. ~~[1. Every person who is not under the direction or control of a candidate for office at a primary election, primary city election, general election or general city election, of a group of such candidates or of any person involved in the campaign of that candidate or group who makes an expenditure on behalf of the candidate or group which is not solicited or approved by the candidate or group, and every committee for political action, political party or committee sponsored by a political party which makes an expenditure on behalf of such a candidate or group of candidates shall, report each expenditure in excess of \$5,000 and expenditures to the same payee which cumulatively exceed \$5,000 that have not been reported previously pursuant to NRS 294A.210. Such a report must be on the form designed and provided by the Secretary of State pursuant to NRS 294A.373. The form must be signed by the person or a representative of the committee or political party under penalty of perjury.~~

~~2. The reporting requirements set forth in subsection 1 apply to the person, committee or political party beginning on January 1 of the year of the general~~

~~election or general city election for the office until 20 days preceding the general election or general city election for that office.~~

~~3. Expenditures made within this State or made elsewhere but for use within this State, including expenditures made outside the State for printing, television and radio broadcasting or other production of the media, must be included in the report.~~

~~4. The reports must be filed with:~~

~~(a) If the candidate is elected from one county, the county clerk of that county;~~

~~(b) If the candidate is elected from one city, the city clerk of that city; or~~

~~(c) If the candidate is elected from more than one county or city, the Secretary of State.~~

~~5. If an expenditure is made on behalf of a group of candidates, the reports must be itemized by the candidate. A person may mail or transmit the report to the appropriate officer by regular mail, certified mail, facsimile machine or electronic means. A report shall be deemed to be filed with the officer on the date that it was received by the officer, regardless of whether the report was sent by regular mail or certified mail, transmitted by facsimile machine or electronic means, or delivered personally.~~

~~6. Each county clerk or city clerk who receives a report pursuant to this section shall file a copy of the report with the Secretary of State within 10 working days after receiving the report.~~

~~7. The Secretary of State may adopt regulations to carry out the provisions of this section.~~ **(Deleted by amendment.)**

Sec. 39. NRS 294A.002 is hereby amended to read as follows:

294A.002 As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise requires, the words and terms defined in NRS ~~[294A.003]~~ **294A.004** to 294A.009, inclusive, ~~and section~~ **sections 36 and 36.5 of this act** have the meanings ascribed to them in those sections.

Sec. 39.5. **NRS 294A.004 is hereby amended to read as follows:**

294A.004 ~~["Campaign expenses" and "expenditures" mean:]~~ **"Expenditures"**
means:

1. Those expenditures made for advertising on television, radio, billboards, posters and in newspapers; and

2. All other expenditures made,
↳ to advocate expressly the election or defeat of a clearly identified candidate or group of candidates or the passage or defeat of a clearly identified question or group of questions on the ballot, including any payments made to a candidate or any person who is related to the candidate within the second degree of consanguinity or affinity.

Sec. 40. NRS 294A.007 is hereby amended to read as follows:

294A.007 1. "Contribution" means a gift, loan, conveyance, deposit, payment, transfer or distribution of money or of anything of value other than the services of a volunteer, and includes:

(a) The payment by any person, other than a candidate, of compensation for the personal services of another person which are rendered to a:

(1) Candidate;

(2) Person who is not under the direction or control of a candidate or group of candidates or of any person involved in the campaign of the candidate or group who makes an expenditure on behalf of the candidate or group which is not solicited or approved by the candidate or group;

(3) Committee for political action, political party ~~or~~ **or** committee sponsored by a political party ~~for business entity~~ which makes an expenditure on behalf of a candidate or group of candidates; or

(4) Person or group of persons organized formally or informally ~~including a business entity~~ **including a business entity** who advocates the passage or defeat of a question or group of questions on the ballot,

without charge to the candidate, person, committee or political party.

(b) The value of services provided in kind for which money would have otherwise been paid, such as paid polling and resulting data, paid direct mail, paid solicitation by telephone, any paid paraphernalia that was printed or otherwise produced to promote a campaign and the use of paid personnel to assist in a campaign.

2. As used in this section, "volunteer" means a person who does not receive compensation of any kind, directly or indirectly, for the services provided to a campaign.

Sec. 41. ~~NRS 294A.100 is hereby amended to read as follows:~~

~~294A.100 1. A person shall not make a contribution or contributions to a candidate for any office, except a federal office, in an amount which exceeds \$5,000 for the primary election or primary city election, regardless of the number of candidates for the office, and \$5,000 for the general election or general city election, regardless of the number of candidates for the office, during the period:~~

~~(a) Beginning from 30 days before the regular session of the Legislature immediately following the last election for the office and ending 30 days before the regular session of the Legislature immediately following the next election for the office, if that office is a state, district, county or township office; or~~

~~(b) Beginning from 30 days after the last election for the office and ending 30 days before the next general city election for the office, if that office is a city office.~~

~~2. A candidate shall not accept a contribution made in violation of subsection 1.~~

~~3. A person shall not make a contribution or contributions to a committee for political action in an amount which exceeds \$5,000 for the primary election or primary city election, and \$5,000 for the general election or general city election, if the purpose for which the committee for political action was organized is solely for the support or opposition of a single candidate, except for a candidate for federal office.~~

~~4. A person who willfully violates any provision of this section is guilty of a category E felony and shall be punished as provided in NRS 193.130. (Deleted by amendment.)~~

Sec. 41.5. NRS 294A.112 is hereby amended to read as follows:

294A.112 1. A person shall not:

(a) Make a contribution in the name of another person;

(b) Knowingly allow his or her name to be used to cause a contribution to be made in the name of another person or assist in the making of a contribution in the name of another person;

(c) Knowingly assist a person to make a contribution in the name of another person; or

(d) Knowingly accept a contribution made by a person in the name of another person.

2. As used in this section, "make a contribution in the name of another person" includes, without limitation:

(a) Giving money or an item of value, all or part of which was provided **or reimbursed to the contributor** by another person, without disclosing the source of the money or item of value to the recipient at the time the contribution is made; and

(b) Giving money or an item of value, all or part of which belongs to the person who is giving the money or item of value, and claiming that the money or item of value belongs to another person.

Sec. 42. ~~[NRS 294A.120 is hereby amended to read as follows:~~

~~294A.120 1. Every candidate for state, district, county or township office at a primary or general election shall, not later than January 15 of each year, for the period from January 1 of the previous year through December 31 of the previous year, report each campaign contribution in excess of \$100 received during the period and contributions received during the period from a contributor which cumulatively exceed \$100. The provisions of this subsection apply to the candidate beginning the year of the general election for that office through the year immediately preceding the next general election for that office.~~

~~2. Every candidate for state, district, county or township office at a primary or general election shall, if the general election for the office for which he or she is a candidate is held on or after January 1 and before the July 1 immediately following that January 1, not later than:~~

~~(a) [Seven] **Twenty-one** days before the primary election for that office, for the period from the January 1 immediately preceding the primary election through [12] **25** days before the primary election;~~

~~(b) [Seven] **Four** days before the [general] **primary** election for that office, for the period from [11] **24** days before the primary election through [12] **5** days before the [general election]; and~~

~~(c) July 15 of the year of] **primary election;**~~

~~(e) **Twenty-one** days before the general election for that office, for the period from [11] **4** days before the [general] **primary** election through [June 30 of that year] **25** days before the general election; and~~

~~(d) **Four** days before the general election for that office, for the period from **24** days before the general election through **5** days before the general election;~~

~~→ report each campaign contribution in excess of \$100 received during the period and contributions received during the period from a contributor which cumulatively exceed \$100. The report must be completed on the form designed and provided by the Secretary of State pursuant to NRS 294A.273. Each form must be signed by the candidate under penalty of perjury.~~

~~3. Every candidate for state, district, county or township office at a primary or general election shall, if the general election for the office for which he or she is a candidate is held on or after July 1 and before the January 1 immediately following that July 1, not later than:~~

~~(a) [Seven] **Twenty-one** days before the primary election for that office, for the period from the January 1 immediately preceding the primary election through [12] **25** days before the primary election; and~~

~~(b) Seven]~~

~~(b) **Four** days before the [general] **primary** election for that office, for the period from [11] **24** days before the primary election through [12] **5** days before the [general election.] **primary election;**~~

~~(c) **Twenty-one** days before the general election for that office, for the period from **4** days before the primary election through **25** days before the general election; and~~

~~(d) **Four** days before the general election for that office, for the period from **24** days before the general election through **5** days before the general election;~~

~~→ report each campaign contribution in excess of \$100 received during the period and contributions received during the period from a contributor which cumulatively exceed \$100. The report must be completed on the form designed and provided by~~

the Secretary of State pursuant to NRS 294A.373. Each form must be signed by the candidate under penalty of perjury.

~~4. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 5, every candidate for a district office at a special election shall, not later than:~~

~~(a) Seven days before the special election, for the period from the candidate's nomination through 12 days before the special election; and~~

~~(b) Thirty days after the special election, for the remaining period through the special election;~~

~~report each campaign contribution in excess of \$100 received during the period and contributions received during the reporting period from a contributor which cumulatively exceed \$100. The report must be completed on the form designed and provided by the Secretary of State pursuant to NRS 294A.373. Each form must be signed by the candidate under penalty of perjury.~~

~~5. Every candidate for state, district, county, municipal or township office at a special election to determine whether a public officer will be recalled shall list each of the campaign contributions received on the form designed and provided by the Secretary of State pursuant to NRS 294A.373 and signed by the candidate under penalty of perjury, 30 days after:~~

~~(a) The special election, for the period from the filing of the notice of intent to circulate the petition for recall through the special election; or~~

~~(b) A district court determines that the petition for recall is legally insufficient pursuant to subsection 6 of NRS 306.040, for the period from the filing of the notice of intent to circulate the petition for recall through the date of the district court's decision.~~

~~6. Reports of campaign contributions must be filed with the officer with whom the candidate filed the declaration of candidacy or acceptance of candidacy. A candidate may mail or transmit the report to that officer by regular mail, certified mail, facsimile machine or electronic means. A report shall be deemed to be filed with the officer if:~~

~~(a) On the date that it was mailed if it was sent by certified mail; or~~

~~(b) On] on the date that it was received by the officer [if] , regardless of whether the report was sent by regular mail or certified mail, transmitted by facsimile machine or electronic means, or delivered personally.~~

~~7. Every county clerk who receives from candidates for legislative or judicial office, including, without limitation, the office of justice of the peace or municipal judge, reports of campaign contributions pursuant to this section shall file a copy of each report with the Secretary of State within 10 working days after receiving the report.~~

~~8. The name and address of the contributor and the date on which the contribution was received must be included on the report for each contribution in excess of \$100 and contributions which a contributor has made cumulatively in excess of that amount since the beginning of the current reporting period.]~~ **(Deleted by amendment.)**

Sec. 43. ~~[NRS 294A.125 is hereby amended to read as follows:~~

~~294A.125 1. In addition to complying with the requirements set forth in NRS 294A.120, 294A.200 and 294A.260, a candidate who receives contributions in any year before the year in which the general election or general city election in which the candidate intends to seek election to public office is held shall, for:~~

~~(a) The year in which the candidate receives contributions in excess of \$10,000, list each of the contributions received and the expenditures in excess of \$100 made in that year.~~

~~(b) Each year after the year in which the candidate received contributions in excess of \$10,000, until the year of the general election or general city election in~~

1 ~~which the candidate intends to seek election to public office is held, list each of the~~
2 ~~contributions received and the expenditures in excess of \$100 made in that year.~~

3 ~~2. The reports required by subsection 1 must be submitted on the form~~
4 ~~designed and provided by the Secretary of State pursuant to NRS 294A.373. Each~~
5 ~~form must be signed by the candidate under penalty of perjury.~~

6 ~~3. The name and address of the contributor and the date on which the~~
7 ~~contribution was received must be included on the list for each contribution in~~
8 ~~excess of \$100 and contributions that a contributor has made cumulatively in excess~~
9 ~~of that amount.~~

10 ~~4. The report must be filed:~~

11 ~~(a) With the officer with whom the candidate will file the declaration of~~
12 ~~candidacy or acceptance of candidacy for the public office the candidate intends to~~
13 ~~seek. A candidate may mail or transmit the report to that officer by regular mail,~~
14 ~~certified mail, facsimile machine or electronic means. A report shall be deemed to~~
15 ~~be filed with the officer.~~

16 ~~[(1) On the date it was mailed if it was sent by certified mail.~~

17 ~~[(2) On] on the date it was received by the officer [if] , regardless of~~
18 ~~whether the report was sent by regular mail or certified mail, transmitted by~~
19 ~~facsimile machine or electronic means, or delivered personally.~~

20 ~~(b) On or before January 15 of the year immediately after the year for which~~
21 ~~the report is made.~~

22 ~~5. A county clerk who receives from a candidate for legislative or judicial~~
23 ~~office, including, without limitation, the office of justice of the peace or municipal~~
24 ~~judge, a report of contributions and expenditures pursuant to subsection 4 shall file~~
25 ~~a copy of the report with the Secretary of State within 10 working days after~~
26 ~~receiving the report.] (Deleted by amendment.)~~

27 **Sec. 44. NRS 294A.140 is hereby amended to read as follows:**

28 294A.140 1. Every person who is not under the direction or control of a
29 candidate for office at a primary election, primary city election, general election or
30 general city election, of a group of such candidates or of any person involved in the
31 campaign of that candidate or group who makes an expenditure on behalf of the
32 candidate or group which is not solicited or approved by the candidate or group,
33 and every committee for political action, political party ~~[.]~~ and committee
34 sponsored by a political party ~~[and business entity]~~ which **receives contributions in**
35 **excess of \$100 or** makes an expenditure on behalf of such a candidate or group of
36 candidates shall, not later than January 15 of each year that the provisions of this
37 subsection apply to the person, committee ~~[.]~~ or political party, ~~[for business entity;]~~
38 for the period from January 1 of the previous year through December 31 of the
39 previous year, report each campaign contribution in excess of \$100 received during
40 the period and contributions received during the period from a contributor which
41 cumulatively exceed \$100. The provisions of this subsection apply to the person,
42 committee ~~[.]~~ or political party ~~[for business entity]~~ beginning the year of the
43 general election or general city election for that office through the year immediately
44 preceding the next general election or general city election for that office.

45 2. Every person, committee ~~[.]~~ or political party ~~[for business entity]~~ described
46 in subsection 1 which makes an expenditure on behalf of the candidate for office at
47 a primary election, primary city election, general election or general city election or
48 on behalf of a group of such candidates shall, if the general election or general city
49 election for the office for which the candidate or a candidate in the group of
50 candidates seeks election is held on or after January 1 and before the July 1
51 immediately following that January 1, not later than:

52 (a) **Seven** ~~[Twenty-one]~~ days before the primary election or primary city
53 election for that office, for the period from the January 1 immediately preceding the

primary election or primary city election through 12 ~~[25]~~ days before the primary election or primary city election;

(b) Seven ~~[Four]~~ days before the general ~~[primary]~~ election or general ~~[primary]~~ city election for that office, for the period from 11 ~~[24]~~ days before the primary election or primary city election through 12 ~~[5]~~ days before the general ~~[primary]~~ election or general ~~[primary]~~ city election; and

(c) July 15 of the year of
~~[(c) Twenty-one days before]~~ the general election or general city election for that office, for the period from 11 ~~[4]~~ days before the general ~~[primary]~~ election or general ~~[primary]~~ city election through June 30 of that year, ~~[25 days before the general election or general city election; and~~

~~[(d) Four days before the general election or general city election for that office, for the period from 24 days before the general election or general city election through 5 days before the general election or general city election;]~~

➤ report each campaign contribution in excess of \$100 received during the period and contributions received during the period from a contributor which cumulatively exceed \$100. The report must be completed on the form designed and provided by the Secretary of State pursuant to NRS 294A.373. The form must be signed by the person or a representative of the committee ~~[] or political party~~ ~~[for business entity]~~ under penalty of perjury.

3. The name and address of the contributor and the date on which the contribution was received must be included on the report for each contribution in excess of \$100 and contributions which a contributor has made cumulatively in excess of \$100 since the beginning of the current reporting period.

4. Every person, committee ~~[] or political party~~ ~~[for business entity]~~ described in subsection 1 which makes an expenditure on behalf of a candidate for office at a primary election, primary city election, general election or general city election or on behalf of a group of such candidates shall, if the general election or general city election for the office for which the candidate or a candidate in the group of candidates seeks election is held on or after July 1 and before the January 1 immediately following that July 1, not later than:

(a) Seven ~~[Twenty-one]~~ days before the primary election or primary city election for that office, for the period from the January 1 immediately preceding the primary election or primary city election through 12 ~~[25]~~ days before the primary election or primary city election; and

(b) Seven ~~[Four]~~ days before the general ~~[primary]~~ election or general ~~[primary]~~ city election for that office, for the period from 11 ~~[24]~~ days before the primary election or primary city election through 12 ~~[5]~~ days before the general ~~[primary]~~ election or general ~~[primary]~~ city election. ~~+~~

~~[(c) Twenty-one days before the general election or general city election for that office, for the period from 4 days before the primary election or primary city election through 25 days before the general election or general city election; and~~

~~[(d) Four days before the general election or general city election for that office, for the period from 24 days before the general election or general city election through 5 days before the general election or general city election;]~~

➤ report each campaign contribution in excess of \$100 received during the period and contributions received during the period from a contributor which cumulatively exceed \$100. The report must be completed on the form designed and provided by the Secretary of State pursuant to NRS 294A.373. The form must be signed by the person or a representative of the committee ~~[] or political party~~ ~~[for business entity]~~ under penalty of perjury.

5. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 6, every person, committee ~~[] or political party~~ ~~[for business entity]~~ described in subsection 1 which makes an

expenditure on behalf of a candidate for office at a special election or on behalf of a group of such candidates shall, not later than:

(a) Seven days before the special election for the office for which the candidate or a candidate in the group of candidates seeks election, for the period from the nomination of the candidate through 12 days before the special election; and

(b) Thirty days after the special election, for the remaining period through the special election,

→ report each campaign contribution in excess of \$100 received during the period and contributions received during the period from a contributor which cumulatively exceed \$100. The report must be completed on the form designed and provided by the Secretary of State pursuant to NRS 294A.373. The form must be signed by the person or a representative of the committee ~~{ } or~~ political party ~~{ } or business entity~~ under penalty of perjury.

6. Every person, committee ~~{ } or~~ political party ~~{ } or business entity~~ described in subsection 1 which makes an expenditure on behalf of a candidate for office at a special election to determine whether a public officer will be recalled or on behalf of a group of candidates for offices at such special elections shall report each contribution in excess of \$100 received during the period and contributions received during the period from a contributor which cumulatively exceed \$100. The report must be completed on the form designed and provided by the Secretary of State pursuant to NRS 294A.373 and signed by the person or a representative of the committee ~~{ } or~~ political party ~~{ } or business entity~~ under penalty of perjury, 30 days after:

(a) The special election, for the period from the filing of the notice of intent to circulate the petition for recall through the special election; or

(b) If the special election is not held because a district court determines that the petition for recall is legally insufficient pursuant to subsection 6 of NRS 306.040, for the period from the filing of the notice of intent to circulate the petition for recall through the date of the district court's decision.

7. The reports of contributions required pursuant to this section must be filed with:

(a) If the candidate is elected from one county, the county clerk of that county;

(b) If the candidate is elected from one city, the city clerk of that city; or

(c) If the candidate is elected from more than one county or city, the Secretary of State.

8. A person ~~{ } or~~ committee ~~{ } or~~ political party may file the report with the appropriate officer by regular mail, certified mail, facsimile machine or electronic means. A report shall be deemed to be filed with the officer ~~:~~

~~(a) On the date that it was mailed if it was sent by certified mail; or~~

~~(b) On ~~for~~ the date that it was received by the officer if ~~it~~ regardless of whether the report was sent by regular ~~{ } or~~ mail, transmitted by facsimile machine or electronic means, or delivered personally.~~

9. Each county clerk or city clerk who receives a report pursuant to this section shall file a copy of the report with the Secretary of State within 10 working days after receiving the report.

10. Every person, committee ~~{ } or~~ political party ~~{ } or business entity~~ described in subsection 1 shall file a report required by this section even if the person, committee ~~{ } or~~ political party ~~{ } or business entity~~ receives no contributions.

Sec. 45. NRS 294A.150 is hereby amended to read as follows:

294A.150 1. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 294A.283, every person or group of persons organized formally or informally ~~{ } including a business entity~~ who advocates the passage or defeat of a question or group of questions on the

1 ballot at a primary election, primary city election, general election or general city
2 election and who receives or expends money in an amount in excess of \$10,000 to
3 advocate the passage or defeat of such question or group of questions shall, not
4 later than January 15 of each year that the provisions of this subsection apply to the
5 person ~~{}~~ or group of persons , ~~{for business entity.}~~ for the period from January 1
6 of the previous year through December 31 of the previous year, report each
7 campaign contribution in excess of \$1,000 received during that period and
8 contributions received during the period from a contributor which cumulatively
9 exceed \$1,000. The report must be completed on the form designed and provided
10 by the Secretary of State pursuant to NRS 294A.373. The form must be signed by
11 the person or a representative of the group ~~{for business entity}~~ under penalty of
12 perjury. The provisions of this subsection apply to the person ~~{}~~ or group of
13 persons : ~~{for business entity.}~~

14 (a) Each year in which:

15 (1) An election or city election is held for each question for which the
16 person ~~{}~~ or group of persons ~~{for business entity}~~ advocates passage or defeat; or

17 (2) A person ~~{}~~ or group of persons ~~{for business entity}~~ receives or
18 expends money in excess of \$10,000 to advocate the passage or defeat of a question
19 or group of questions on the ballot at a primary election, primary city election,
20 general election or general city election; and

21 (b) The year after each year described in paragraph (a).

22 2. If a question is on the ballot at a primary election or primary city election
23 and the general election or general city election immediately following that primary
24 election or primary city election is held on or after January 1 and before the July 1
25 immediately following that January 1, every person or group of persons organized
26 formally or informally ~~{, including a business entity.}~~ who advocates the passage or
27 defeat of the question or a group of questions that includes the question and who
28 receives or expends money in an amount in excess of \$10,000 to advocate the
29 passage or defeat of such question or group of questions shall comply with the
30 requirements of this subsection. If a question is on the ballot at a general election or
31 general city election held on or after January 1 and before the July 1 immediately
32 following that January 1, every person or group of persons organized formally or
33 informally ~~{, including a business entity.}~~ who advocates the passage or defeat of
34 the question or a group of questions that includes the question and who receives or
35 expends money in an amount in excess of \$10,000 to advocate the passage or defeat
36 of such question or group of questions shall comply with the requirements of this
37 subsection. A person ~~{}~~ or group of persons ~~{for business entity}~~ described in this
38 subsection shall, not later than:

39 (a) Seven ~~{Twenty-one}~~ days before the primary election or primary city
40 election, for the period from the January 1 immediately preceding the primary
41 election or primary city election through 12 ~~{25}~~ days before the primary election or
42 primary city election;

43 (b) Seven ~~{Four}~~ days before the general ~~{primary}~~ election or general
44 ~~{primary}~~ city election, for the period from 11 ~~{24}~~ days before the primary election
45 or primary city election through 12 ~~{5}~~ days before the general ~~{primary}~~ election
46 or general ~~{primary}~~ city election; and

47 (c) July 15 of the year of

48 ~~{(e) Twenty-one days before}~~ the general election or general city election, for
49 the period from 11 ~~{4}~~ days before the general ~~{primary}~~ election or general
50 ~~{primary}~~ city election through June 30 of that year, ~~{25 days before the general~~
51 ~~election or general city election; and~~

~~1 (d) Four days before the general election or general city election, for the~~
~~2 period from 24 days before the general election or general city election through 5~~
~~3 days before the general election or general city election;~~

4 report each campaign contribution in excess of \$1,000 received during the period
5 and contributions received during the period from a contributor which cumulatively
6 exceed \$1,000. The report must be completed on the form designed and provided
7 by the Secretary of State pursuant to NRS 294A.373 and signed by the person or a
8 representative of the group ~~for business entity~~ under penalty of perjury.

9 3. The name and address of the contributor and the date on which the
10 contribution was received must be included on the report for each contribution in
11 excess of \$1,000 and contributions which a contributor has made cumulatively in
12 excess of that amount since the beginning of the current reporting period.

13 4. If a question is on the ballot at a primary election or primary city election
14 and the general election or general city election immediately following that primary
15 election or primary city election is held on or after July 1 and before the January 1
16 immediately following that July 1, every person or group of persons organized
17 formally or informally ~~including a business entity~~ who advocates the passage or
18 defeat of the question or a group of questions that includes the question and who
19 receives or expends money in an amount in excess of \$10,000 to advocate the
20 passage or defeat of such question or group of questions shall comply with the
21 requirements of this subsection. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 294A.283, if
22 a question is on the ballot at a general election or general city election held on or
23 after July 1 and before the January 1 immediately following that July 1, every
24 person or group of persons organized formally or informally ~~including a business~~
25 ~~entity~~ who advocates the passage or defeat of the question or a group of questions
26 that includes the question and who receives or expends money in an amount in
27 excess of \$10,000 to advocate the passage or defeat of such question or group of
28 questions shall comply with the requirements of this subsection. A person ~~or~~ or
29 group of persons ~~for business entity~~ described in this subsection shall, not later
30 than:

31 (a) Seven ~~Twenty-one~~ days before the primary election or primary city
32 election, for the period from the January 1 immediately preceding the primary
33 election or primary city election through 12 ~~25~~ days before the primary election or
34 primary city election; and

35 (b) Seven
36 ~~(b) Four~~ days before the general ~~primary~~ election or general ~~primary~~ city
37 election, for the period from 11 ~~24~~ days before the primary election or primary
38 city election through 12 ~~51~~ days before the general ~~primary~~ election or general
39 ~~primary~~ city election; or

40 (c) ~~Twenty-one days before the general election or general city election, for~~
41 ~~the period from 4 days before the primary election or primary city election~~
42 ~~through 25 days before the general election or general city election; and~~

43 (d) ~~Four days before the general election or general city election, for the~~
44 ~~period from 24 days before the general election or general city election through 5~~
45 ~~days before the general election or general city election;~~

46 report each campaign contribution in excess of \$1,000 received during the period
47 and contributions received during the period from a contributor which cumulatively
48 exceed \$1,000. The report must be completed on the form designed and provided
49 by the Secretary of State pursuant to NRS 294A.373. The form must be signed by
50 the person or a representative of the group ~~for business entity~~ under penalty of
51 perjury.

52 5. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 6, every person or group of
53 persons organized formally or informally ~~including a business entity~~ who

advocates the passage or defeat of a question or group of questions on the ballot at a special election and who receives or expends money in an amount in excess of \$10,000 to advocate the passage or defeat of such question or group of questions shall, not later than:

(a) Seven days before the special election, for the period from the date that the question qualified for the ballot through 12 days before the special election; and

(b) Thirty days after the special election, for the remaining period through the special election,

report each campaign contribution in excess of \$1,000 received during the period and contributions received during the period from a contributor which cumulatively exceed \$1,000. The report must be completed on the form designed and provided by the Secretary of State pursuant to NRS 294A.373. The form must be signed by the person or a representative of the group ~~for business entity~~ under penalty of perjury.

6. Every person or group of persons organized formally or informally ~~including a business entity,~~ who advocates the passage or defeat of a question or group of questions on the ballot at a special election to determine whether a public officer will be recalled and who receives or expends money in an amount in excess of \$10,000 to advocate the passage or defeat of such question or group of questions shall report each of the contributions received on the form designed and provided by the Secretary of State pursuant to NRS 294A.373 and signed by the person or a representative of the group ~~for business entity~~ under penalty of perjury, 30 days after:

(a) The special election, for the period from the filing of the notice of intent to circulate the petition for recall through the special election; or

(b) If the special election is not held because a district court determines that the petition for recall is legally insufficient pursuant to subsection 6 of NRS 306.040, for the period from the filing of the notice of intent to circulate the petition for recall through the date of the district court's decision.

7. The reports required pursuant to this section must be filed with:

(a) If the question is submitted to the voters of one county, the county clerk of that county;

(b) If the question is submitted to the voters of one city, the city clerk of that city; or

(c) If the question is submitted to the voters of more than one county or city, the Secretary of State.

8. A person may mail or transmit the report to the appropriate officer by regular mail, certified mail, facsimile machine or electronic means. A report shall be deemed to be filed with the officer :

(a) On the date that it was mailed if it was sent by certified mail; or

(b) On ~~for~~ the date that it was received by the officer if ~~it~~ regardless of whether the report was sent by regular ~~mail or certified~~ mail, transmitted by facsimile machine or electronic means, or delivered personally.

9. If the person or group of persons ~~including a business entity,~~ is advocating passage or defeat of a group of questions, the reports must be itemized by question or petition.

10. Each county clerk or city clerk who receives a report pursuant to this section shall file a copy of the report with the Secretary of State within 10 working days after receiving the report.

Sec. 46. ~~NRS 294A.200 is hereby amended to read as follows:~~

~~294A.200 1. Every candidate for state, district, county or township office at a primary or general election shall, not later than January 15 of each year, for the period from January 1 of the previous year through December 31 of the previous~~

year, report each of the campaign expenses in excess of \$100 incurred and each amount in excess of \$100 disposed of pursuant to NRS 294A.160 during the period on the form designed and provided by the Secretary of State pursuant to NRS 294A.373. The form must be signed by the candidate under penalty of perjury. The provisions of this subsection apply to the candidate;

~~—(a) Beginning the year of the general election for that office through the year immediately preceding the next general election for that office; and~~

~~—(b) Each year immediately succeeding a calendar year during which the candidate disposes of contributions pursuant to NRS 294A.160.~~

~~2. Every candidate for state, district, county or township office at a primary or general election shall, if the general election for the office for which he or she is a candidate is held on or after January 1 and before the July 1 immediately following that January 1, not later than:~~

~~—(a) [Seven] Twenty-one days before the primary election for that office, for the period from the January 1 immediately preceding the primary election through [12] 25 days before the primary election;~~

~~—(b) [Seven] Four days before the [general] primary election for that office, for the period from [11] 24 days before the primary election through [12] 5 days before the [general] election; and~~

~~—(c) July 15 of the year of [primary election];~~

~~—(c) Twenty-one days before the general election for that office, for the period from [11] 4 days before the [general] primary election through [June 30 of that year.] 25 days before the general election; and~~

~~—(d) Four days before the general election for that office, for the period from 24 days before the general election through 5 days before the general election;~~

~~→ report each of the campaign expenses in excess of \$100 incurred during the period on the form designed and provided by the Secretary of State pursuant to NRS 294A.373. Each form must be signed by the candidate under penalty of perjury;~~

~~3. Every candidate for state, district, county or township office at a primary or general election shall, if the general election for the office for which he or she is a candidate is held on or after July 1 and before the January 1 immediately following that July 1, not later than:~~

~~—(a) [Seven] Twenty-one days before the primary election for that office, for the period from the January 1 immediately preceding the primary election through [12] 25 days before the primary election; and~~

~~—(b) [Seven] Four days before the [general] primary election for that office, for the period from [11] 24 days before the primary election through [12] 5 days before the general election [,];~~

~~—(c) Twenty-one days before the general election for that office, for the period from 4 days before the primary election through 25 days before the general election; and~~

~~—(d) Four days before the general election for that office, for the period from 24 days before the general election through 5 days before the general election;~~

~~→ report each of the campaign expenses in excess of \$100 incurred during the period on the form designed and provided by the Secretary of State pursuant to NRS 294A.373. The form must be signed by the candidate under penalty of perjury;~~

~~4. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 5, every candidate for a district office at a special election shall, not later than:~~

~~—(a) Seven days before the special election, for the period from the candidate's nomination through 12 days before the special election; and~~

~~—(b) Thirty days after the special election, for the remaining period through the special election;~~

~~report each of the campaign expenses in excess of \$100 incurred during the period on the form designed and provided by the Secretary of State pursuant to NRS 294A.373. Each form must be signed by the candidate under penalty of perjury.~~

~~5. Every candidate for state, district, county, municipal or township office at a special election to determine whether a public officer will be recalled shall report each of the campaign expenses in excess of \$100 incurred on the form designed and provided by the Secretary of State pursuant to NRS 294A.373 and signed by the candidate under penalty of perjury, 30 days after~~

~~(a) The special election, for the period from the filing of the notice of intent to circulate the petition for recall through the special election; or~~

~~(b) If the special election is not held because a district court determines that the petition for recall is legally insufficient pursuant to subsection 6 of NRS 306.040, for the period from the filing of the notice of intent to circulate the petition for recall through the date of the district court's decision.~~

~~6. Reports of campaign expenses must be filed with the officer with whom the candidate filed the declaration of candidacy or acceptance of candidacy. A candidate may mail or transmit the report to that officer by regular mail, certified mail, facsimile machine or electronic means. A report shall be deemed to be filed with the officer if~~

~~(a) On the date that it was mailed if it was sent by certified mail; or~~

~~(b) On the date that it was received by the officer [if], regardless of whether the report was sent by regular mail or certified mail, transmitted by facsimile machine or electronic means, or delivered personally.~~

~~7. County clerks who receive from candidates for legislative or judicial office, including, without limitation, the office of justice of the peace or municipal judge, reports of campaign expenses pursuant to this section shall file a copy of each report with the Secretary of State within 10 working days after receiving the report. (Deleted by amendment.)~~

Sec. 47. NRS 294A.210 is hereby amended to read as follows:

294A.210 1. Every person who is not under the direction or control of a candidate for an office at a primary election, primary city election, general election or general city election, of a group of such candidates or of any person involved in the campaign of that candidate or group who makes an expenditure on behalf of the candidate or group which is not solicited or approved by the candidate or group, and every committee for political action, political party ~~or~~ committee sponsored by a political party ~~for business entity~~ which ~~receives contributions in excess of \$100 or~~ makes an expenditure on behalf of such a candidate or group of candidates shall, not later than January 15 of each year that the provisions of this subsection apply to the person, committee ~~or~~ political party, ~~for business entity~~ for the period from January 1 of the previous year through December 31 of the previous year, report each expenditure made during the period on behalf of the candidate, the group of candidates or a candidate in the group of candidates in excess of \$100 on the form designed and provided by the Secretary of State pursuant to NRS 294A.373. The form must be signed by the person or a representative of the committee ~~or~~ political party ~~for business entity~~ under penalty of perjury. The provisions of this subsection apply to the person, committee ~~or~~ political party ~~for business entity~~ beginning the year of the general election or general city election for that office through the year immediately preceding the next general election or general city election for that office.

2. Every person, committee ~~or~~ political party ~~for business entity~~ described in subsection 1 which makes an expenditure on behalf of a candidate for office at a primary election, primary city election, general election or general city election or a

group of such candidates shall, if the general election or general city election for the office for which the candidate or a candidate in the group of candidates seeks election is held on or after January 1 and before the July 1 immediately following that January 1, not later than:

(a) Seven ~~Twenty-one~~ days before the primary election or primary city election for that office, for the period from the January 1 immediately preceding the primary election or primary city election through 12 ~~25~~ days before the primary election or primary city election;

(b) Seven ~~Four~~ days before the general ~~primary~~ election or general ~~primary~~ city election for that office, for the period from 11 ~~24~~ days before the primary election or primary city election through 12 ~~5~~ days before the general ~~primary~~ election or general ~~primary~~ city election; and

(c) July 15 of the year of
~~(c) Twenty-one days before~~ the general election or general city election for that office, for the period from 11 ~~4~~ days before the general ~~primary~~ election or general ~~primary~~ city election through the June 30 of that year, ~~25 days before the general election or general city election; and~~

~~(d) Four days before the general election or general city election for that office, for the period from 24 days before the general election or general city election through 5 days before the general election or general city election;~~

➤ report each expenditure made during the period on behalf of the candidate, the group of candidates or a candidate in the group of candidates in excess of \$100 on the form designed and provided by the Secretary of State pursuant to NRS 294A.373. The form must be signed by the person or a representative of the committee ~~{}~~ or political party ~~for business entity~~ under penalty of perjury.

3. Every person, committee ~~{}~~ or political party ~~for business entity~~ described in subsection 1 which makes an expenditure on behalf of a candidate for office at a primary election, primary city election, general election or general city election or on behalf of a group of such candidates shall, if the general election or general city election for the office for which the candidate or a candidate in the group of candidates seeks election is held on or after July 1 and before the January 1 immediately following that July 1, not later than:

(a) Seven ~~Twenty-one~~ days before the primary election or primary city election for that office, for the period from the January 1 immediately preceding the primary election or primary city election through 12 ~~25~~ days before the primary election or primary city election; and

(b) Seven ~~Four~~ days before the general ~~primary~~ election or general ~~primary~~ city election for that office, for the period from 11 ~~24~~ days before the primary election or primary city election through 12 ~~5~~ days before the general ~~primary~~ election or general ~~primary~~ city election . ~~{}~~

~~(c) Twenty-one days before the general election or general city election for that office, for the period from 4 days before the primary election or primary city election through 25 days before the general election or general city election; and~~

~~(d) Four days before the general election or general city election for that office, for the period from 24 days before the general election or general city election through 5 days before the general election or general city election;~~

➤ report each expenditure made during the period on behalf of the candidate, the group of candidates or a candidate in the group of candidates in excess of \$100 on the form designed and provided by the Secretary of State pursuant to NRS 294A.373. The form must be signed by the person or a representative of the committee ~~{}~~ or political party ~~for business entity~~ under penalty of perjury.

4. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 5, every person, committee ~~{}~~ or political party ~~for business entity~~ described in subsection 1 which makes an

1 expenditure on behalf of a candidate for office at a special election or on behalf of a
2 group of such candidates shall, not later than:

3 (a) Seven days before the special election for the office for which the candidate
4 or a candidate in the group of candidates seeks election, for the period from the
5 nomination of the candidate through 12 days before the special election; and

6 (b) Thirty days after the special election, for the remaining period through the
7 special election,

8 ➔ report each expenditure made during the period on behalf of the candidate, the
9 group of candidates or a candidate in the group of candidates in excess of \$100 on
10 the form designed and provided by the Secretary of State pursuant to NRS
11 294A.373. The form must be signed by the person or a representative of the
12 committee ~~{ } or~~ political party ~~for business entity~~ under penalty of perjury.

13 5. Every person, committee ~~{ } or~~ political party ~~for business entity~~ described
14 in subsection 1 which makes an expenditure on behalf of a candidate for office at a
15 special election to determine whether a public officer will be recalled or on behalf
16 of a group of such candidates shall list each expenditure made on behalf of the
17 candidate, the group of candidates or a candidate in the group of candidates in
18 excess of \$100 on the form designed and provided by the Secretary of State
19 pursuant to NRS 294A.373 and signed by the person or a representative of the
20 committee ~~{ } or~~ political party ~~for business entity~~ under penalty of perjury, 30
21 days after:

22 (a) The special election, for the period from the filing of the notice of intent to
23 circulate the petition for recall through the special election; or

24 (b) If the special election is not held because a district court determines that the
25 petition for recall is legally insufficient pursuant to subsection 6 of NRS 306.040,
26 for the period from the filing of the notice of intent to circulate the petition for
27 recall through the date of the district court's decision.

28 6. Expenditures made within the State or made elsewhere but for use within
29 the State, including expenditures made outside the State for printing, television and
30 radio broadcasting or other production of the media, must be included in the report.

31 7. The reports must be filed with:

- 32 (a) If the candidate is elected from one county, the county clerk of that county;
33 (b) If the candidate is elected from one city, the city clerk of that city; or
34 (c) If the candidate is elected from more than one county or city, the Secretary
35 of State.

36 8. If an expenditure is made on behalf of a group of candidates, the reports
37 must be itemized by the candidate. A person may mail or transmit the report to the
38 appropriate officer by regular mail, certified mail, facsimile machine or electronic
39 means. A report shall be deemed to be filed with the officer :

40 (a) On the date that it was mailed if it was sent by certified mail; or

41 (b) On ~~for~~ the date that it was received by the officer if ~~it~~ regardless of
42 ~~whether~~ the report was sent by regular ~~mail or certified~~ mail, transmitted by
43 facsimile machine or electronic means, or delivered personally.

44 9. Each county clerk or city clerk who receives a report pursuant to this
45 section shall file a copy of the report with the Secretary of State within 10 working
46 days after receiving the report.

47 10. Every person, committee ~~{ } or~~ political party ~~for business entity~~
48 described in subsection 1 shall file a report required by this section even if the
49 person, committee ~~{ } or~~ political party ~~for business entity~~ receives no
50 contributions.

51 **Sec. 48.** NRS 294A.220 is hereby amended to read as follows:

52 294A.220 1. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 294A.283, every person
53 or group of persons organized formally or informally ~~{, including a business entity,}~~

1 who advocates the passage or defeat of a question or group of questions on the
2 ballot at a primary election, primary city election, general election or general city
3 election and who receives or expends money in an amount in excess of \$10,000 to
4 advocate the passage or defeat of such question or group of questions shall, not
5 later than January 15 of each year that the provisions of this subsection apply to the
6 person or group of persons, for the period from January 1 of the previous year
7 through December 31 of the previous year, report each expenditure made during the
8 period on behalf of or against the question, the group of questions or a question in
9 the group of questions on the ballot in excess of \$1,000 on the form designed and
10 provided by the Secretary of State pursuant to NRS 294A.373. The form must be
11 signed by the person or a representative of the group ~~{for business entity}~~ under
12 penalty of perjury. The provisions of this subsection apply to the person ~~{}~~ or group
13 of persons : ~~{for business entity}~~

14 (a) Each year in which:

15 (1) An election or city election is held for a question for which the person
16 ~~{}~~ or group of persons ~~{for business entity}~~ advocates passage or defeat; or

17 (2) A person ~~{}~~ or group of persons ~~{for business entity}~~ receives or
18 expends money in excess of \$10,000 to advocate the passage or defeat of a question
19 or group of questions on the ballot at a primary election, primary city election,
20 general election or general city election; and

21 (b) The year after each year described in paragraph (a).

22 2. If a question is on the ballot at a primary election or primary city election
23 and the general election or general city election immediately following that primary
24 election or primary city election is held on or after January 1 and before the July 1
25 immediately following that January 1, every person or group of persons organized
26 formally or informally ~~{, including a business entity,}~~ who advocates the passage or
27 defeat of the question or a group of questions that includes the question and who
28 receives or expends money in an amount in excess of \$10,000 to advocate the
29 passage or defeat of such question or group of questions shall comply with the
30 requirements of this subsection. If a question is on the ballot at a general election or
31 general city election held on or after January 1 and before the July 1 immediately
32 following that January 1, every person or group of persons organized formally or
33 informally ~~{, including a business entity,}~~ who advocates the passage or defeat of
34 the question or a group of questions that includes the question and who receives or
35 expends money in an amount in excess of \$10,000 to advocate the passage or defeat
36 of such question or group of questions shall comply with the requirements of this
37 subsection. A person ~~{}~~ or group of persons ~~{for business entity}~~ described in this
38 subsection shall, not later than:

39 (a) Seven ~~{Twenty-one}~~ days before the primary election or primary city
40 election, for the period from the January 1 immediately preceding the primary
41 election or primary city election through 12 ~~{25}~~ days before the primary election or
42 primary city election;

43 (b) Seven ~~{Four}~~ days before the general ~~{primary}~~ election or general
44 ~~{primary}~~ city election, for the period from 11 ~~{24}~~ days before the primary election
45 or primary city election through 12 ~~{5}~~ days before the general ~~{primary}~~ election
46 or general ~~{primary}~~ city election; and

47 (c) July 15 of the year of ~~{Twenty-one days before}~~ the general election or
48 general city election, for the period from 11 ~~{4}~~ days before the general ~~{primary}~~
49 election or general ~~{primary}~~ city election through the June 30 immediately
50 preceding that July 15, ~~{25 days before the general election or general city~~
51 ~~election; and~~

~~(d) Four days before the general election or general city election, for the period from 24 days before the general election or general city election through 5 days before the general election or general city election;~~

➤ report each expenditure made during the period on behalf of or against the question, the group of questions or a question in the group of questions on the ballot in excess of \$1,000 on the form designed and provided by the Secretary of State pursuant to NRS 294A.373 and signed by the person or a representative of the group ~~for business entity~~ under penalty of perjury.

3. If a question is on the ballot at a primary election or primary city election and the general election or general city election immediately following that primary election or primary city election is held on or after July 1 and before the January 1 immediately following that July 1, every person or group of persons organized formally or informally ~~[-, including a business entity,]~~ who advocates the passage or defeat of the question or a group of questions that includes the question and who receives or expends money in an amount in excess of \$10,000 to advocate the passage or defeat of such question or group of questions shall comply with the requirements of this subsection. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 294A.283, if a question is on the ballot at a general election or general city election held on or after July 1 and before the January 1 immediately following that July 1, every person or group of persons organized formally or informally ~~[-, including a business entity,]~~ who advocates the passage or defeat of the question or a group of questions that includes the question and who receives or expends money in an amount in excess of \$10,000 to advocate the passage or defeat of such question or group of questions shall comply with the requirements of this subsection. A person ~~[-]~~ **or** group of persons ~~for business entity~~ described in this subsection shall, not later than:

(a) Seven ~~Twenty-one~~ days before the primary election or primary city election, for the period from the January 1 immediately preceding the primary election or primary city election through 12 ~~25~~ days before the primary election or primary city election; **and**

(b) Seven ~~Four~~ days before the general ~~primary~~ election or general ~~primary~~ city election, for the period from 11 ~~24~~ days before the primary election or primary city election through 12 ~~5~~ days before the general ~~primary~~ election or general ~~primary~~ city election. ~~[-]~~

~~(c) Twenty-one days before the general election or general city election, for the period from 4 days before the primary election or primary city election through 25 days before the general election or general city election; and~~

~~(d) Four days before the general election or general city election, for the period from 24 days before the general election or general city election through 5 days before the general election or general city election;~~

➤ report each expenditure made during the period on behalf of or against the question, the group of questions or a question in the group of questions on the ballot in excess of \$1,000 on the form designed and provided by the Secretary of State pursuant to NRS 294A.373. The form must be signed by the person or a representative of the group ~~for business entity~~ under penalty of perjury.

4. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 5, every person or group of persons organized formally or informally ~~[-, including a business entity,]~~ who advocates the passage or defeat of a question or group of questions on the ballot at a special election shall, not later than:

(a) Seven days before the special election, for the period from the date the question qualified for the ballot through 12 days before the special election; and

(b) Thirty days after the special election, for the remaining period through the special election,

report each expenditure made during the period on behalf of or against the question, the group of questions or a question in the group of questions on the ballot in excess of \$1,000 on the form designed and provided by the Secretary of State pursuant to NRS 294A.373. The form must be signed by the person or a representative of the group ~~for business entity~~ under penalty of perjury.

5. Every person or group of persons organized formally or informally ~~including a business entity~~ who advocates the passage or defeat of a question or group of questions on the ballot at a special election to determine whether a public officer will be recalled and who receives or expends money in an amount in excess of \$10,000 to advocate the passage or defeat of such question or group of questions shall list each expenditure made during the period on behalf of or against the question, the group of questions or a question in the group of questions on the ballot in excess of \$1,000 on the form designed and provided by the Secretary of State pursuant to NRS 294A.373 and signed by the person or a representative of the group ~~for business entity~~ under penalty of perjury, 30 days after:

(a) The special election, for the period from the filing of the notice of intent to circulate the petition for recall through the special election; or

(b) If the special election is not held because a district court determines that the petition for recall is legally insufficient pursuant to subsection 6 of NRS 306.040, for the period from the filing of the notice of intent to circulate the petition for recall through the date of the district court's decision.

6. Expenditures made within the State or made elsewhere but for use within the State, including expenditures made outside the State for printing, television and radio broadcasting or other production of the media, must be included in the report.

7. The reports required pursuant to this section must be filed with:

(a) If the question is submitted to the voters of one county, the county clerk of that county;

(b) If the question is submitted to the voters of one city, the city clerk of that city; or

(c) If the question is submitted to the voters of more than one county or city, the Secretary of State.

8. If an expenditure is made on behalf of a group of questions, the reports must be itemized by question or petition. A person may mail or transmit the report to the appropriate filing officer by regular mail, certified mail, facsimile machine or electronic means. A report shall be deemed to be filed with the filing officer :

(a) On the date that it was mailed if it was sent by certified mail; or

(b) On ~~for~~ the date that it was received by the filing officer ~~if~~ ~~regardless of whether~~ the report was sent by regular ~~mail or certified~~ mail, transmitted by facsimile machine or electronic means, or delivered personally.

9. Each county clerk or city clerk who receives a report pursuant to this section shall file a copy of the report with the Secretary of State within 10 working days after receiving the report.

Sec. 49. NRS 294A.230 is hereby amended to read as follows:

294A.230 1. Each committee for political action shall, before it engages in any activity in this State, register with the Secretary of State on forms supplied by the Secretary of State.

2. The form must require:

(a) The name of the committee;

(b) The purpose for which it was organized;

(c) The names, addresses and telephone numbers of its officers;

(d) If the committee for political action is affiliated with any other organizations, the name, address and telephone number of each organization;

(e) The name, address and telephone number of its registered agent; and

(f) Any other information deemed necessary by the Secretary of State.

3. A committee for political action shall file with the Secretary of State an amended form for registration within 30 days after any change in the information contained in the form for registration.

4. The Secretary of State shall include on the Secretary of State's Internet website the information required pursuant to subsection 2.

5. For purposes of the civil penalty that the Secretary of State may impose pursuant to NRS 294A.420 for violating the provisions of subsection 1, if a committee for political action fails to register with the Secretary of State pursuant to subsection 1, each time a committee for political action engages in any activity in this State constitutes a separate violation of subsection 1 for which the Secretary of State may impose a civil penalty.

Sec. 50. NRS 294A.281 is hereby amended to read as follows:

294A.281 1. Each person or group of persons organized formally or informally ~~{, including a business entity,}~~ who advocates the passage or defeat of a constitutional amendment or statewide measure proposed by an initiative or referendum, before engaging in any such advocacy in this State, shall file a statement of organization with the Secretary of State as provided in subsection 2.

2. Each statement of organization must include:

(a) The name of the person ~~{}~~ or group of persons ; ~~{for business entity,}~~

(b) The purpose for which the person ~~{}~~ or group of persons ~~{for business entity}~~ is organized;

(c) The names and addresses of any officers of the person ~~{}~~ or group of persons ; ~~{for business entity,}~~

(d) If the person ~~{}~~ or group of persons ~~{for business entity}~~ is affiliated with or is retained by any other person ~~{}~~ or group ~~{for business entity}~~ for the purpose of advocating the passage or defeat of a constitutional amendment or statewide measure proposed by initiative or referendum, the name and address of each such other person ~~{}~~ or group ; ~~{for business entity,}~~ and

(e) The name, address and telephone number of the registered agent of the person ~~{}~~ or group of persons . ~~{for business entity,}~~

3. A person ~~{}~~ or group of persons ~~{for business entity}~~ which has filed a statement of organization pursuant to this section shall file an amended statement with the Secretary of State within 30 days of any changes to the information required pursuant to subsection 2.

Sec. 51. NRS 294A.282 is hereby amended to read as follows:

294A.282 Each person or group of persons organized formally or informally ~~{, including a business entity,}~~ who advocates the passage or defeat of a constitutional amendment or statewide measure proposed by an initiative or referendum shall appoint and keep within this State a registered agent, as provided in NRS 14.020, who must be a natural person who resides in this State.

Sec. 52. NRS 294A.283 is hereby amended to read as follows:

294A.283 1. Every person or group of persons organized formally or informally ~~{, including a business entity,}~~ who advocates the passage or defeat of a constitutional amendment or statewide measure proposed by an initiative or referendum, including, without limitation, the initiation or circulation thereof, and who receives or expends money in an amount in excess of \$10,000 for such advocacy shall, not later than the dates listed in subsection 2, report:

(a) Each campaign contribution in excess of \$1,000 received during each period described in subsection 2;

(b) Contributions received during each period described in subsection 2 from a contributor which cumulatively exceed \$1,000;

(c) Each expenditure in excess of \$1,000 the person ~~[]~~ or group of persons ~~for business entity~~ makes during each period described in subsection 2; and

(d) The total amount of money the person ~~[]~~ or group of persons ~~for business entity~~ has at the beginning of each period described in subsection 2, accounting for all contributions received and expenditures made during each previous period.

2. Every person ~~[]~~ or group of persons ~~for business entity~~ required to report pursuant to subsection 1 shall file that report with the Secretary of State:

(a) For the period beginning on the first day a copy of the petition may be filed with the Secretary of State before it is circulated for signatures pursuant to Section 1 or Section 2 of Article 19 of the Nevada Constitution, as applicable, and ending on the following March 31, not later than April 15;

(b) For the period beginning on April 1 and ending on July 31, not later than August 15;

(c) For the period beginning on August 1 and ending on September 30, not later than October 15; and

(d) For the period beginning on October 1 and ending on December 31, not later than the following January 15.

3. The name and address of the contributor and the date on which the contribution was received must be included on each report for each contribution in excess of \$1,000 and contributions which a contributor has made cumulatively in excess of that amount since the beginning of the applicable reporting period.

4. Expenditures made within the State or made elsewhere but for use within the State, including expenditures made outside the State for printing, television and radio broadcasting or other production of the media, must be included in each report.

5. Each report required pursuant to this section must:

(a) Be on the form designed and provided by the Secretary of State pursuant to NRS 294A.373; and

(b) Be signed by the person or a representative of the group of persons ~~for business entity~~ under penalty of perjury.

6. A person ~~[]~~ or group of persons ~~for business entity~~ may mail or transmit each report to the Secretary of State by certified mail, regular mail, facsimile machine or electronic means or may deliver the report personally.

7. A report shall be deemed to be filed with the Secretary of State :

(a) On the date that it was mailed if it was sent by certified mail; or

(b) On ~~for~~ the date that it was received by the Secretary of State ~~if ~~for~~ regardless of whether~~ the report was sent by regular ~~mail or certified~~ mail, transmitted by facsimile machine or electronic means, or delivered personally.

Sec. 53. NRS 294A.284 is hereby amended to read as follows:

294A.284 1. Each person or group of persons organized formally or informally ~~[, including a business entity.]~~ who advocates the passage or defeat of a constitutional amendment or statewide measure proposed by an initiative or referendum that provides compensation to persons to circulate petitions shall report to the Secretary of State:

(a) The number of persons to whom such compensation is provided;

(b) The least amount of such compensation that is provided and the greatest amount of such compensation that is provided; and

(c) The total amount of compensation provided.

2. The Secretary of State shall make public any information received pursuant to this section.

Sec. 54. NRS 294A.286 is hereby amended to read as follows:

294A.286 1. *Any candidate or public officer may establish a legal defense fund.* A person who administers a legal defense fund shall:

(a) Within 5 days after the creation of the legal defense fund, notify the Secretary of State of the creation of the fund on a form provided by the Secretary of State; and

(b) For the same period covered by the report filed pursuant to NRS 294A.120, 294A.200 or 294A.360, report any contribution received by or expenditure made from the legal defense fund.

2. The reports required by paragraph (b) of subsection 1 must be submitted on the form designed and provided by the Secretary of State pursuant to NRS 294A.373. Each form must be signed by the administrator of the legal defense fund under penalty of perjury.

3. The reports required by paragraph (b) of subsection 1 must be filed in the same manner and at the same time as the report filed pursuant to NRS 294A.120, 294A.200 or 294A.360.

4. Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, a candidate or public officer may use campaign contributions to pay for any legal expenses that the candidate or public officer incurs in relation to a campaign or serving in public office without establishing a legal defense fund. Any such candidate or public officer shall report any expenditure of campaign contributions to pay for legal expenses in the same manner and at the same time as the report filed pursuant to NRS 294A.120, 294A.200 or 294A.360. A candidate or public officer shall not use campaign contributions to satisfy a civil or criminal penalty imposed by law.

Sec. 55. NRS 294A.347 is hereby amended to read as follows:

294A.347 1. A statement which:

(a) Is published within 60 days before a general election, general city election or special election or 30 days before a primary election or primary city election;

(b) Expressly advocates the election or defeat of a clearly identified candidate for a state or local office; and

(c) Is published by a person who receives compensation from the candidate, an opponent of the candidate, or a person, party ~~or~~ committee ~~for business entity~~ required to report expenditures pursuant to NRS 294A.210 ~~for section 38 of this act~~;

must contain a disclosure of the fact that the person receives compensation pursuant to paragraph (c) and the name of the person, party ~~or~~ committee ~~for business entity~~ providing that compensation.

2. A statement which:

(a) Is published by a candidate within 60 days before a general election, general city election or special election or 30 days before a primary election or primary city election; and

(b) Contains the name of the candidate,
shall be deemed to comply with the provisions of this section.

3. As used in this section, "publish" means the act of:

(a) Printing, posting, broadcasting, mailing or otherwise disseminating; or

(b) Causing to be printed, posted, broadcasted, mailed or otherwise disseminated.

Sec. 56. NRS 294A.350 is hereby amended to read as follows:

294A.350 1. Every candidate for state, district, county, municipal or township office shall file the reports of campaign contributions and expenses required by NRS 294A.120, 294A.128, 294A.200 and 294A.360 and reports of contributions received by and expenditures made from a legal defense fund *or used to pay legal expenses* required by NRS 294A.286, even though the candidate:

(a) Withdraws his or her candidacy;

(b) Receives no campaign contributions;

(c) Has no campaign expenses;

(d) Is removed from the ballot by court order; or

(e) Is the subject of a petition to recall and the special election is not held.

2. A candidate who withdraws his or her candidacy pursuant to NRS 293.202 may file simultaneously all the reports of campaign contributions and expenses required by NRS 294A.120, 294A.128, 294A.200 and 294A.360 and the report of contributions received by and expenditures made from a legal defense fund *or used to pay legal expenses* required by NRS 294A.286, so long as each report is filed on or before the last day for filing the respective report pursuant to NRS 294A.120, 294A.200 or 294A.360.

Sec. 57. ~~NRS 294A.360 is hereby amended to read as follows:~~

~~294A.360 1. Every candidate for city office at a primary city election or general city election shall file the reports in the manner required by NRS 294A.120, 294A.128 and 294A.200 for other offices not later than January 15 of each year, for the period from January 1 of the previous year through December 31 of the previous year. The provisions of this subsection apply to the candidate;~~

~~(a) Beginning the year of the general city election for that office through the year immediately preceding the next general city election for that office; and~~

~~(b) Each year immediately succeeding a calendar year during which the candidate disposes of contributions pursuant to NRS 294A.160;~~

~~2. Every candidate for city office at a primary city election or general city election, if the general city election for the office for which he or she is a candidate is held on or after January 1 and before the July 1 immediately following that January 1, shall file the reports in the manner required by NRS 294A.120, 294A.128 and 294A.200 for other offices not later than:~~

~~(a) [Seven] *Twenty-one* days before the primary city election for that office, for the period from the January 1 immediately preceding the primary city election through [12] *25* days before the primary city election;~~

~~(b) [Seven] *Four* days before the [general] *primary* city election for that office, for the period from [11] *24* days before the primary city election through [12] *5* days before the [general] *primary* city election; [and~~

~~(c) July 15 of the year of]~~

~~(e) *Twenty-one days before* the general city election for that office, for the period from [11] *4* days before the [general] *primary* city election through [the June 30 of that year.] *25 days before the general city election;* and~~

~~(d) *Four days before the general city election for that office, for the period from 24 days before the general city election through 5 days before the general city election;*~~

~~3. Every candidate for city office at a primary city election or general city election, if the general city election for the office for which he or she is a candidate is held on or after July 1 and before the January 1 immediately following that July 1, shall file the reports in the manner required by NRS 294A.120, 294A.128 and 294A.200 for other offices not later than:~~

~~(a) [Seven] *Twenty-one* days before the primary city election for that office, for the period from the January 1 immediately preceding the primary city election through [12] *25* days before the primary city election; [and]~~

~~(b) [Seven] *Four* days before the general city election for that office, for the period from [11] *24* days before the primary city election through [12] *5* days before the [general] *primary* city election [;]~~

~~(c) *Twenty-one days before the general city election for that office, for the period from 4 days before the primary city election through 25 days before the general city election;* and~~

~~(d) Four days before the general city election for that office, for the period from 24 days before the general city election through 5 days before the general city election.~~

~~4. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 5, every candidate for city office at a special election shall so file those reports:~~

~~(a) Seven days before the special election, for the period from the candidate's nomination through 12 days before the special election; and~~

~~(b) Thirty days after the special election, for the remaining period through the special election.~~

~~5. Every candidate for city office at a special election to determine whether a public officer will be recalled shall so file those reports 20 days after:~~

~~(a) The special election, for the period from the filing of the notice of intent to circulate the petition for recall through the special election; or~~

~~(b) If the special election is not held because a district court determines that the petition for recall is legally insufficient pursuant to subsection 6 of NRS 206.040, for the period from the filing of the notice of intent to circulate the petition for recall through the date of the district court's decision.] (Deleted by amendment.)~~

Sec. 58. NRS 294A.365 is hereby amended to read as follows:

294A.365 1. Each report of expenditures required pursuant to NRS 294A.210, 294A.220, 294A.280 and 294A.283 must consist of a list of each expenditure in excess of \$100 or \$1,000, as is appropriate, that was made during the periods for reporting. Each report of expenses required pursuant to NRS 294A.125 and 294A.200 must consist of a list of each expense in excess of \$100 that was incurred during the periods for reporting. The list in each report must state the category and amount of the expense or expenditure and the date on which the expense was incurred or the expenditure was made.

2. The categories of expense or expenditure for use on the report of expenses or expenditures are:

- (a) Office expenses;
- (b) Expenses related to volunteers;
- (c) Expenses related to travel;
- (d) Expenses related to advertising;
- (e) Expenses related to paid staff;
- (f) Expenses related to consultants;
- (g) Expenses related to polling;
- (h) Expenses related to special events;
- (i) Expenses related to a legal defense fund;

(j) Except as otherwise provided in NRS 294A.362, goods and services provided in kind for which money would otherwise have been paid;

(k) Contributions made to another candidate, a nonprofit corporation that is registered or required to be registered pursuant to NRS 294A.225, a committee for political action that is registered or required to be registered pursuant to NRS 294A.230 or a committee for the recall of a public officer that is registered or required to be registered pursuant to NRS 294A.250; and

~~(j)-(k)~~ (l) Other miscellaneous expenses.

3. Each report of expenses or expenditures described in subsection 1 must list the disposition of any unspent campaign contributions using the categories set forth in subsection 2 of NRS 294A.160.

Sec. 59. NRS 294A.373 is hereby amended to read as follows:

294A.373 1. The Secretary of State shall design a single form to be used for all reports of campaign contributions and expenses or expenditures that are required to be filed pursuant to NRS 294A.120, 294A.125, 294A.128, 294A.140, 294A.150, 294A.200, 294A.210, 294A.220, 294A.270, 294A.280, 294A.283, 294A.360 and

294A.362 ~~and section 38 of this act~~ and reports of contributions received by and expenditures made from a legal defense fund *or used to pay legal expenses* that are required to be filed pursuant to NRS 294A.286.

2. The form designed by the Secretary of State pursuant to this section must only request information specifically required by statute.

3. Upon request, the Secretary of State shall provide a copy of the form designed pursuant to this section to each person, committee, political party ~~and group~~ *and* ~~and business entity~~ that is required to file a report described in subsection 1.

4. The Secretary of State must obtain the advice and consent of the Legislative Commission before providing a copy of a form designed or revised by the Secretary of State pursuant to this section to a person, committee, political party ~~or group~~ *or* ~~for business entity~~ that is required to use the form.

Sec. 60. NRS 294A.382 is hereby amended to read as follows:

294A.382 The Secretary of State shall not request or require a candidate, person, group of persons, committee ~~or~~ *or* political party ~~for business entity~~ to list each of the expenditures or campaign expenses of \$100 or less on a form designed and provided pursuant to NRS 294A.373.

Sec. 61. NRS 294A.390 is hereby amended to read as follows:

294A.390 The officer from whom a candidate or entity requests a form for:

1. A declaration of candidacy;

2. An acceptance of candidacy;

3. The registration of a committee for political action pursuant to NRS 294A.230 ~~or~~ *or* a committee for the recall of a public officer pursuant to NRS 294A.250 ; ~~for a business entity that wishes to engage in certain political activity pursuant to NRS 294A.377;~~

4. The reporting of the creation of a legal defense fund pursuant to NRS 294A.286; or

5. The reporting of campaign contributions, expenses or expenditures pursuant to NRS 294A.120, 294A.128, 294A.140, 294A.150, 294A.200, 294A.210, 294A.220, 294A.270, 294A.280, 294A.283 or 294A.360 ~~for section 38 of this act~~ and the reporting of contributions received by and expenditures made from a legal defense fund *or used to pay legal expenses* pursuant to NRS 294A.286,

shall furnish the candidate with the necessary forms for reporting and copies of the regulations adopted by the Secretary of State pursuant to this chapter. An explanation of the applicable provisions of NRS 294A.100, 294A.120, 294A.128, 294A.140, 294A.150, 294A.200, 294A.210, 294A.220, 294A.270, 294A.280, 294A.283 or 294A.360 *or section 37* ~~for 38~~ *of this act* relating to the making, accepting or reporting of campaign contributions, expenses or expenditures and the penalties for a violation of those provisions as set forth in NRS 294A.100 or 294A.420, and an explanation of NRS 294A.286 and 294A.287 relating to the accepting or reporting of contributions received by and expenditures made from a legal defense fund *or used to pay legal expenses* and the penalties for a violation of those provisions as set forth in NRS 294A.287 and 294A.420, must be developed by the Secretary of State and provided upon request. The candidate or entity shall acknowledge receipt of the material.

Sec. 62. NRS 294A.400 is hereby amended to read as follows:

294A.400 The Secretary of State shall, within 30 days after receipt of the reports required by NRS 294A.120, 294A.125, 294A.128, 294A.140, 294A.150, 294A.200, 294A.210, 294A.220, 294A.270, 294A.280, 294A.283 and 294A.286, ~~and sections~~ *section 37* ~~and 38~~ *of this act*, prepare and make available for public inspection a compilation of:

1 1. The total campaign contributions, the contributions which are in excess of
2 \$100 and the total campaign expenses of each of the candidates from whom reports
3 of those contributions and expenses are required.

4 2. The total amount of loans to a candidate guaranteed by a third party, the
5 total amount of loans made to a candidate that have been forgiven and the total
6 amount of written commitments for contributions received by a candidate.

7 3. The contributions made to a committee for the recall of a public officer in
8 excess of \$100.

9 4. The expenditures exceeding \$100 made by a:

10 (a) Person on behalf of a candidate other than the person.

11 (b) Group of persons ~~for business entity~~ advocating the election or defeat of a
12 candidate.

13 (c) Committee for the recall of a public officer.

14 5. The contributions in excess of \$100 made to:

15 (a) A person who is not under the direction or control of a candidate or group
16 of candidates or of any person involved in the campaign of the candidate or group
17 who makes an expenditure on behalf of the candidate or group which is not
18 solicited or approved by the candidate or group.

19 (b) A committee for political action, political party ~~or~~ committee sponsored
20 by a political party ~~for business entity~~ which makes an expenditure on behalf of a
21 candidate or group of candidates.

22 6. The contributions in excess of \$1,000 made to and the expenditures
23 exceeding \$1,000 made by a:

24 (a) Person or group of persons organized formally or informally ~~including a~~
25 ~~business entity~~ who advocates the passage or defeat of a question or group of
26 questions on the ballot and who receives or expends money in an amount in excess
27 of \$10,000 for such advocacy, except as otherwise provided in paragraph (b).

28 (b) Person or group of persons organized formally or informally ~~including a~~
29 ~~business entity~~ who advocates the passage or defeat of a constitutional amendment
30 or statewide measure proposed by an initiative or referendum, including, without
31 limitation, the initiation or circulation thereof, and who receives or expends money
32 in an amount in excess of \$10,000 for such advocacy.

33 7. ~~The expenditures exceeding \$5,000 made by:~~

34 ~~—(a) A person who is not under the direction or control of a candidate or~~
35 ~~group of candidates or of any person involved in the campaign of the candidate~~
36 ~~or group who makes an expenditure on behalf of the candidate or group which is~~
37 ~~not solicited or approved by the candidate or group.~~

38 ~~—(b) A committee for political action, political party or committee sponsored~~
39 ~~by a political party which makes an expenditure on behalf of a candidate or~~
40 ~~group of candidates.~~

41 ~~—8. The total contributions received by and expenditures made from a legal~~
42 ~~defense fund ~~or used to pay legal expenses.~~~~

43 **Sec. 63.** NRS 294A.420 is hereby amended to read as follows:

44 294A.420 1. If the Secretary of State receives information that a person or
45 entity that is subject to the provisions of NRS 294A.120, 294A.128, 294A.140,
46 294A.150, 294A.200, 294A.210, 294A.220, ~~294A.227,~~ 294A.230, 294A.270,
47 294A.280, 294A.283, 294A.286 or 294A.360 ~~or section 37 for 38~~ of this act has
48 not filed a report or form for registration pursuant to the applicable provisions of
49 those sections, the Secretary of State may, after giving notice to that person or
50 entity, cause the appropriate proceedings to be instituted in the First Judicial
51 District Court.

52 2. Except as otherwise provided in this section, a person or entity that violates
53 an applicable provision of ~~NRS 294A.112, 294A.120, 294A.128, 294A.130,~~

~~294A.140, 294A.150, 294A.160, 294A.200, 294A.210, 294A.220, 294A.227, 294A.230, 294A.270, 294A.280, 294A.283, 294A.286, 294A.300, 294A.310 or 294A.360~~ *this chapter* is subject to a civil penalty of not more than \$5,000 for each violation and payment of court costs and attorney's fees. The civil penalty must be recovered in a civil action brought in the name of the State of Nevada by the Secretary of State in the First Judicial District Court and deposited by the Secretary of State for credit to the State General Fund in the bank designated by the State Treasurer.

3. If a civil penalty is imposed because a person or entity has reported its contributions, expenses or expenditures after the date the report is due, except as otherwise provided in this subsection, the amount of the civil penalty is:

(a) If the report is not more than 7 days late, \$25 for each day the report is late.

(b) If the report is more than 7 days late but not more than 15 days late, \$50 for each day the report is late.

(c) If the report is more than 15 days late, \$100 for each day the report is late.

➤ A civil penalty imposed pursuant to this subsection against a public officer who by law is not entitled to receive compensation for his or her office or a candidate for such an office must not exceed a total of \$100 if the public officer or candidate received no contributions and made no expenditures during the relevant reporting periods.

4. For good cause shown, the Secretary of State may waive a civil penalty that would otherwise be imposed pursuant to this section. If the Secretary of State waives a civil penalty pursuant to this subsection, the Secretary of State shall:

(a) Create a record which sets forth that the civil penalty has been waived and describes the circumstances that constitute the good cause shown; and

(b) Ensure that the record created pursuant to paragraph (a) is available for review by the general public.

Sec. 64. NRS 295.012 is hereby amended to read as follows:

295.012 A petition for initiative *or referendum* that proposes a ~~{statute, an amendment to a statute or an amendment to the Constitution}~~ *constitutional amendment or statewide measure* must be proposed by a number of registered voters from each petition district in the State that is at least equal to 10 percent of the voters who voted in that petition district at the last preceding general election.

Sec. 65. NRS 295.0575 is hereby amended to read as follows:

295.0575 A petition for a constitutional amendment or a petition for a statewide measure proposed by an initiative or referendum may consist of more than one document. Each document of a petition must have attached to it when submitted an affidavit executed by the circulator thereof stating:

1. That the circulator personally circulated the document;

2. The number of signatures thereon;

3. That all the signatures were affixed in the circulator's presence; ~~and~~

4. That each signer had an opportunity before signing to read the full text of the act or resolution on which the initiative or referendum is demanded ~~{ }~~;

5. The address and contact information of the circulator; and

6. That the circulator is 18 years of age or older.

Sec. 65.5. NRS 281A.600 is hereby amended to read as follows:

281A.600 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, if a public officer who was appointed to the office for which the public officer is serving is entitled to receive annual compensation of \$6,000 or more for serving in that office ~~or if the public officer was appointed to the office of Legislator~~, the public officer shall file with the Commission a statement of financial disclosure, as follows:

1 (a) A public officer appointed to fill the unexpired term of an elected or
2 appointed public officer shall file a statement of financial disclosure within 30 days
3 after the public officer's appointment.

4 (b) Each public officer appointed to fill an office shall file a statement of
5 financial disclosure on or before January 15 of ~~each~~ :

6 (1) Each year of the term, including the year ~~[the term expires]~~ in which
7 the public officer leaves office; and

8 (2) The year immediately following the year in which the public officer
9 leaves office, unless the public officer leaves office before January 15 in the prior
10 year.

11 The statement must disclose the required information for the full calendar year
12 immediately preceding the date of filing.

13 2. If a person is serving in a public office for which the person is required to
14 file a statement pursuant to subsection 1, the person may use the statement the
15 person files for that initial office to satisfy the requirements of subsection 1 for
16 every other public office to which the person is appointed and in which the person
17 is also serving.

18 3. A judicial officer who is appointed to fill the unexpired term of a
19 predecessor or to fill a newly created judgeship shall file a statement of financial
20 disclosure pursuant to the requirements of Canon 4I of the Nevada Code of Judicial
21 Conduct. Such a statement of financial disclosure must include, without limitation,
22 all information required to be included in a statement of financial disclosure
23 pursuant to NRS 281A.620.

24 4. The Commission shall provide written notification to the Secretary of State
25 of the public officers who failed to file the statements of financial disclosure
26 required by subsection 1 or who failed to file those statements in a timely manner.
27 The notice must be sent within 30 days after the deadlines set forth in subsection 1
28 and must include:

29 (a) The name of each public officer who failed to file a statement of financial
30 disclosure within the period before the notice is sent;

31 (b) The name of each public officer who filed a statement of financial
32 disclosure after the deadlines set forth in subsection 1 but within the period before
33 the notice is sent;

34 (c) For the first notice sent after the public officer filed a statement of financial
35 disclosure, the name of each public officer who filed a statement of financial
36 disclosure after the deadlines set forth in subsection 1 but within the period before
37 the notice is sent; and

38 (d) For each public officer listed in paragraph (c), the date on which the
39 statement of financial disclosure was due and the date on which the public officer
40 filed the statement.

41 5. In addition to the notice provided pursuant to subsection 4, the
42 Commission shall notify the Secretary of State of each public officer who files a
43 statement of financial disclosure more than 30 days after the deadlines set forth in
44 subsection 1. The notice must include the information described in paragraphs (c)
45 and (d) of subsection 4.

46 6. A statement of financial disclosure shall be deemed to be filed with the
47 Commission:

48 (a) On the date that it was mailed if it was sent by certified mail; or

49 (b) On the date that it was received by the Commission if the statement was
50 sent by regular mail, transmitted by facsimile machine or electronic means, or
51 delivered personally.

1 **Sec. 66.** NRS 281A.610 is hereby amended to read as follows:

2 281A.610 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, each candidate
3 for public office who will be entitled to receive annual compensation of \$6,000 or
4 more for serving in the office that the candidate is seeking, each candidate for the
5 office of Legislator and, except as otherwise provided in subsection 3, each public
6 officer who was elected to the office for which the public officer is serving shall
7 file with the Secretary of State a statement of financial disclosure, as follows:

8 (a) A candidate for nomination, election or reelection to public office shall file
9 a statement of financial disclosure no later than the 10th day after the last day to
10 qualify as a candidate for the office. The statement must disclose the required
11 information for the full calendar year immediately preceding the date of filing and
12 for the period between January 1 of the year in which the election for the office will
13 be held and the last day to qualify as a candidate for the office. The filing of a
14 statement of financial disclosure for a portion of a calendar year pursuant to this
15 paragraph does not relieve the candidate of the requirement of filing a statement of
16 financial disclosure for the full calendar year pursuant to paragraph (b) in the
17 immediately succeeding year, if the candidate is elected to the office.

18 (b) Each public officer shall file a statement of financial disclosure ~~if~~
19 ~~(1) If the public officer is a Legislator, on or before January 15 of each~~
20 ~~year of the term, including the year the term expires, and of the year immediately~~
21 ~~following the year in which the Legislator's term expires.~~

22 ~~(2) If the public officer is not a Legislator,~~ on or before January 15 of
23 ~~each~~ :

24 (1) Each year of the term, including the year ~~the term expires,~~ in which
25 the public officer leaves office; and

26 (2) The year immediately following the year in which the public officer
27 leaves office, unless the public officer leaves office before January 15 in the prior
28 year.

29 ↳ The statement must disclose the required information for the full calendar year
30 immediately preceding the date of filing.

31 2. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, if a candidate for public
32 office is serving in a public office for which the candidate is required to file a
33 statement pursuant to paragraph (b) of subsection 1 or subsection 1 of NRS
34 281A.600, the candidate need not file the statement required by subsection 1 for the
35 full calendar year for which the candidate previously filed a statement. The
36 provisions of this subsection do not relieve the candidate of the requirement
37 pursuant to paragraph (a) of subsection 1 to file a statement of financial disclosure
38 for the period between January 1 of the year in which the election for the office will
39 be held and the last day to qualify as a candidate for the office.

40 3. A person elected pursuant to NRS 548.285 to the office of supervisor of a
41 conservation district is not required to file a statement of financial disclosure
42 relative to that office pursuant to subsection 1.

43 4. A candidate for judicial office or a judicial officer shall file a statement of
44 financial disclosure pursuant to the requirements of Canon 4I of the Nevada Code
45 of Judicial Conduct. Such a statement of financial disclosure must include, without
46 limitation, all information required to be included in a statement of financial
47 disclosure pursuant to NRS 281A.620.

48 5. A statement of financial disclosure shall be deemed to be filed with the
49 Secretary of State :

50 (a) On the date that it was mailed if it was sent by certified mail; or

51 (b) On ~~for~~ the date that it was received by the Secretary of State if ~~if~~
52 ~~regardless of whether~~ the statement was sent by regular ~~(mail or certified)~~ mail,
53 transmitted by facsimile machine or electronic means, or delivered personally.

6. The statement of financial disclosure filed pursuant to this section must be filed on the form prescribed by the Commission pursuant to NRS 281A.290.

7. The Secretary of State shall prescribe, by regulation, procedures for the submission of statements of financial disclosure filed pursuant to this section, maintain files of such statements and make the statements available for public inspection.

Sec. 67. Section 5.015 of the Charter of the City of Carlin, being chapter 344, Statutes of Nevada 1971, as added by chapter 493, Statutes of Nevada 2009, at page 2937, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 5.015 Filing of declarations of candidacy.

1. A candidate to be voted for at the general election must file a declaration of candidacy with the City Clerk ~~not less than 5 days or more than 15 days before the day of the primary election held pursuant to the provisions of NRS 293.175.~~ *as provided by the election laws of this State.*

The City Clerk shall charge and collect from the candidate and the candidate must pay to the City Clerk, at the time of filing the declaration of candidacy, a filing fee in an amount fixed by the City Council by ordinance or resolution.

2. If, due to the death or ineligibility of or withdrawal by a candidate, a vacancy occurs in a nomination after the close of filing and any applicable period for withdrawal of candidacy, the candidate's name must remain on the ballot for the general election and, if elected, a vacancy exists.

Sec. 68. Section 5.015 of the Charter of the City of Wells, being chapter 275, Statutes of Nevada 1971, as added by chapter 493, Statutes of Nevada 2009, at page 2938, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 5.015 Filing of declarations of candidacy.

1. A candidate to be voted for at the general election must file a declaration of candidacy with the City Clerk ~~not less than 5 days or more than 15 days before the day of the primary election held pursuant to the provisions of NRS 293.175.~~ *as provided by the election laws of this State.*

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2. If, due to the death or ineligibility of or withdrawal by a candidate, a vacancy occurs in a nomination after the close of filing and any applicable period for withdrawal of candidacy, the candidate's name must remain on the ballot for the general election and, if elected, a vacancy exists.

Sec. 69. NRS 294A.003 and 294A.227 are hereby repealed.

TEXT OF REPEALED SECTIONS

294A.003 "Business entity" defined. "Business entity" means any corporation, company or other form of business organization. The term does not include a business entity for which:

1. The owners, investors, officers, directors, members or other organizers of the entity are disclosed in any public record; or

2. The business purpose of the entity is disclosed in a public record that clearly identifies a specific business in a manner that is verifiable.

294A.227 Registration; publication of information relating to registration.

1. A business entity shall register with the Secretary of State by submitting the completed form described in subsection 2 before it engages in any of the following activities in this State:

- (a) Soliciting or receiving contributions from any other person, group or entity;
- (b) Making contributions to candidates or other persons; or
- (c) Making expenditures,

↳ designed to affect the outcome of any primary election, primary city election, general election, general city election, special election or question on the ballot.

2. The form must require:

- (a) The name of the business entity;
- (b) The purpose for which it was organized;
- (c) The names and addresses of each owner, investor, officer, director, member or other organizer of the entity;
- (d) If the business entity is affiliated with any other organization, the name, address and telephone number of each such organization;
- (e) The name, address and telephone number of its registered agent, if any;
- (f) A designation of the activities listed in subsection 1 in which it intends to engage; and
- (g) Any other information deemed necessary by the Secretary of State.

3. The Secretary of State shall, in a timely manner, include on the portion of the Secretary of State's Internet website that is devoted to information concerning elections and campaigns the information required pursuant to subsection 2.